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### **Voith and Huawon strengthen their cooperation with the successful start-up of PM 16 for production of high-quality décor base papers**

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- The leading full-line supplier Voith successfully started up Huawon's PM 16 at the Ma'anshan site in mid-June
- Huawon's President Dou Zhengliang praises the reliable quality of the Voith system and emphasizes the successful cooperation
- PM 16 is equipped with highly efficient Voith solutions and produces high-quality décor paper for premium customers at home and abroad

**MA'ANSHAN/HEIDENHEIM.** In mid-June, the leading full-line supplier Voith successfully commissioned the XcelLine PM 16 for Chinese paper manufacturer Huawon at the Ma'anshan site in Anhui Province. With the PM 16, Huawon will produce high-quality, environmentally friendly décor base paper and thus strengthen its market position at home and abroad.

The solutions supplied by Voith include key components for the BlueLine stock preparation system for virgin fiber, WEP, headbox, DuoShake DG and calender. The PM 16 already represents Huawon's fifth follow-up order with Voith. Through the internal exchange of experience, valuable knowledge from the past could be transferred, further optimizing the design of the new paper machine and raising it to a higher level.

Dou Zhengliang, Chairman of Huawon, expressed his satisfaction with the successful start-up of PM 16: "The successful start-up of PM 16 has once again proven the reliable quality of Voith equipment and raises Huawon's production capacity and scale to a new level. I would like to thank the employees of both companies for their trustful cooperation. Voith is a global technical leader in the field of specialty papers and has a wealth of experience. We will deepen cooperation with Voith and jointly develop new markets for specialty papers."

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"Huawon has achieved remarkable success in the field of décor papers with its outstanding innovation, excellent quality standards and first-class customer service," says Lin Carlos, Vice President Order Execution and Manufacturing at Voith Paper Asia. "I would like to thank all the professionals for their contribution to this endeavor. We are confident that we can achieve more great successes together in the future and help Huawon become a leading national brand for world-class décor base papers."

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During the project, the Voith-Huawon team demonstrated deep mutual trust and shared expertise. Despite the challenges to global supply chains, the two companies coordinated flexibly and completed all tasks with dedication to enable the project to progress smoothly.

### **About Huawon**

Despite market challenges, Huawon continued to develop against the trend in 2022, achieving sales volume of 227,400 tons of decorative paper, up 12.3 percent year over year. Huawon's operating profit reached RMB 3,436 billion, a year-over-year increase of 16.88 percent. Huawon has several production lines of décor paper with international leading standard. The company attaches great importance to technological progress. Its products are sold in all parts of the world and have successfully reached the global top field for décor paper. Adhering to the guiding principles of "professionalism, focus, consistency and development," Huawon is steadily moving towards greater goals.

### **About the Voith Group**

The Voith Group is a global technology company. With its broad portfolio of systems, products, services and digital applications, Voith sets standards in the markets of energy, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, the company today has around 21,000 employees, sales of € 4.9 billion and locations in over 60 countries worldwide and is thus one of the larger family-owned companies in Europe.

The Group Division Voith Paper is part of the Voith Group. As the full-line supplier to the paper industry, it provides the largest range of technologies, services and products on the market and offers paper manufacturers holistic solutions from one source. The company's continuous stream of innovations facilitates resource-conserving production and helps customers minimize their carbon footprint. With its leading automation products and digitalization solutions from the Papermaking 4.0 portfolio,

Voith offers its customers state-of-the-art digital technologies to improve plant availability and efficiency for all sections of the production process.



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