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Navigator Paper Setúbal's PM 1 and PM 3 run with seamed press felts in all positions for the first time

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- The seamed press felt enables a safer working environment
- Felt changes are faster without the need to cantilever the press section
- Reduced downtime required for the installation procedure

HEIDENHEIM/SETÚBAL. Navigator Paper Setúbal's PM 1 and PM 3 operate with seamed felts, supplied by Voith, in all press positions, marking a significant milestone for the paper machines. The successful transition resulted from a three-year-long collaborative development between the Setúbal and Voith teams with the common goal of transitioning all press felt positions to seamed felt designs.

Using seamed press felts makes changing felts faster with less workforce and without the need to cantilever the press section. "The installation of endless felts almost required the disassembly of the press section, with the seam felts, we have significantly reduced the risk associated with this activity and improved working conditions", confirms Orlando Ferreira, Superintendent PM 1 & PM 3 at Navigator Paper Setúbal.

This milestone was achieved through outstanding cooperation between Voith and Navigator Paper Setúbal. "The challenge is to ensure that seam-marking meets satisfactory standards ", explains Ricardo Silva, Sales & Service Engineer at Voith Paper. "With dedication and persistence from both, the Setúbal and Voith teams, we have made this important step forward. We are very proud of this result and the benefits they deliver".

Seamed felt adoption is increasing, and within Voith the required technology is in continuous development to support its use in marking-sensitive grades and press configurations. "With our seamed felt design, we are the first supplier to successfully run seamed felts on both PM 1 and

PM 3 in Setúbal”, says Laslo Monte, Sales Director South-West EMEA at Voith Paper.

This significantly improves occupational safety in paper production and increases time efficiency. “This project is another example of our continuous desire to innovate, our enormous capacity for adaptation and, above all, our strong concern for people and their safety”, says Orlando Ferreira. “Finally, I would like to highlight Voith's involvement, which from the beginning was available to contribute to this optimization process, developing specific solutions adapted to our needs and eliminating the setbacks that arose”.

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 22,000 employees, sales of €5.5 billion and locations in more than 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 integrated solutions from a single source. The company's continuous stream of innovations facilitates resource-conserving production and supports customers in significantly reducing their carbon footprint. With its comprehensive automation products and leading digitalization solutions from the Papermaking 4.0 portfolio, Voith offers its customers state-of-the-art digital technologies to improve the availability and efficiency of their systems in all sections of the production process.

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Voith is a key supplier to the paper industry substituting endless felts with the Infinity S family of seamed felts.

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