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WEPA Group starts up new paper machine in Poland

The WEPA Group, headquartered in Arnsberg/Westphalia, has commissioned a new paper machine at its Piechowice site in Poland, as planned for the 3rd quarter of 2021. Following a year of construction, the first run of paper was produced on 27 September and processed into toilet paper.

With an annual production capacity of 36,000 tons, the plant increases total capacity at the site to 70,000 tonnes of raw paper per year – which is processed into toilet paper, kitchen paper, paper towels and cleaning rolls, among other products. The site primarily produces for the Professional market in addition to production for the Polish Consumer market.

In line with WEPA's focus on sustainability and the WEPA Professional strategy, the new paper machine is designed to produce hygiene paper products from 100% recovered fibre. With its high energy efficiency, the new AHEAD 2.2S tissue machine sourced from Italian manufacturer Toscotec also significantly contributes to cutting CO₂ emissions. This saves resources and optimises cost structures. The new paper machine is state-of-the-art in terms of technology and equipped with a single-layer headbox, a shoe press, a steel drying cylinder, a Toscotec Milltech hood and a vapour and dust extraction system. The unit replaces a previous crepe paper machine dismantled last autumn. In the course of the project, the building in which the new paper machine is now installed was also refurbished. Two new converting systems were commissioned in parallel: an industrial roll line for paper towels and toilet paper and a V-folding line for paper towels.

Martin Krengel, WEPA Group CEO: "Our willingness to invest in state-of-the-art technology that meets the high quality standards we have for our products and contributes to implementing our sustainability targets is an inherent component of our future-oriented corporate strategy. After the successful start-up of our first tissue paper machine in Piechowice in 2017, commissioning the second system further enhances the growth opportunities for our Professional division in this highly promising Eastern European market."

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With this investment, the WEPA Group strengthens its competitive capability as the third largest European manufacturer in the hygiene paper market. With a total of 21 paper machines, the group has a production capacity of approximately 780,000 tons per year.

Photo gallery



The new paper machine at the WEPA Piechowice site in Poland

Photo: Toscotec

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The WEPA Group is a future-oriented European family business specialising in the production and distribution of sustainable hygiene paper. WEPA offers sustainable and innovative hygiene solutions that provide a safe feeling of hygiene and contribute daily to the well-being of millions of people. With 4,000 employees, the WEPA Group manufactures hygiene products such as toilet paper, paper towels, tissues and napkins at 13 European sites. WEPA is among the three largest European manufacturers and leading the market in the production of hygiene paper from recycled fibre. Its annual turnover is roughly 1.3 billion euros. In the Consumer business area, WEPA is a private-label specialist for European retailers. The Professional business unit with the brands BlackSatino and Satino by WEPA stands for sustainable and professional hygiene solutions which are used, for instance, in public washrooms, the industry, offices or health care facilities. The WEPA Group has its registered office in Arnsberg, North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany.