

News in Brief

Andritz to acquire assets of GE's Hydro business

International technology group Andritz and General Electric Company (GE) have reached an agreement for the purchase of certain assets of GE Energy's Hydro business. The closing of the transaction, which is subject to approval by anti-trust authorities, is expected to take place during the next few months. Financial terms were not disclosed.

As part of the transaction, Andritz will acquire GE Energy's hydro power technology and certain other assets, including engineering and project management resources, research and development capabilities, and specialized generator component production facilities in Canada. These activities have a total staff of approximately 200 employees.

For the Andritz Hydro Power Business Area, the assets of GE's Hydro business will further complement the existing product portfolio in the field of large Francis-type turbines and generators with output capacity of 400 MW and more. In addition, as a re-

sult of this acquisition Andritz expects to increase its hydro power presence in North America and in fast growing emerging markets.

Sensor and Metso introduce Sigma-Nip

Sensor Products Inc. introduces Sigma-Nip, a technologically advanced electronic nip analysis system which measures roller profiles and diagnoses roll alignment with unprecedented speed and cost-effectiveness. This sensor system, which records nip width, renders obsolete time-consuming and inexact tools such as carbon paper and embossed foils. Sigma-Nip consists of a chain of sensor elements and Windows-based software. Metso Paper partnered with Sensor Products in the development of Sigma-Nip.

Nymölla Mill orders Sesca Drives Solution

Sesca Solutions Oy will deliver the modernization of automation and line drives for the two existing folio sheeters at Stora Enso Nymölla Mill in Sweden. The delivery integrates new

machine controls, slitter positioning and the line drives. The overall delivery also includes an ANDI analysis and diagnostics system. The modernization will be commissioned in October 2008. The new integrated solution will replace original non-integrated control systems. Stora Enso Nymölla Mill is a modern integrated mill with the production of TCF-bleached magnetite pulp and uncoated fine paper.

Nalco technical paper receives JMM Prize

Nalco Company announced in April that a recent technical paper presented at the 2008 Appita Annual Conference & Exhibition was awarded the prestigious Jasper Mardon Memorial Prize. Recognizing the greatest practical technological contribution to papermaking, the award was given to Nalco's **Przem Pruszyński, Jogeir Munkeby and Paul John Puiatti**, and was acknowledged by a subcommittee of the Appita Technical Committee. Entitled *The Use of White Water Closed Loop Consistency Control to Provide*

Chemical Savings and More Stable Wet End Chemistry Conditions of a Newsprint Machine, the paper focused on technology best practices and control methodology to drive stability, productivity and end-product quality on a fast newsprint machine. The Jasper Mardon Memorial Prize is an annual award from Appita, PAPTAC, PITA and TAPPI.

Chinese Award presented to Wetend Technologies

Wetend Technologies Ltd. of Savonlinna, Finland has received a Golden Bridge Award for its TrumpJet technology from the China Technology Market Association (CTMA) of the Ministry of Science & Technology, People's Republic of China, where it has demonstrated remarkable savings in energy and fresh water consumption as well as reduced carbon dioxide emissions in paper mills.

Wetend Technology's TrumpJet technology injects and mixes additives and chemicals into high-volume process flows efficiently without the need for water.



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