



Major boost to capacity: Infinity's engineering and manufacturing facilities at Green Bay, USA.

Infinity expands at Green Bay base

Infinity Machine & Engineering Corporation has responded to the world-wide increase in customer demand by expanding its Green Bay, USA-based engineering and manufacturing facilities.

In July, the company broke ground on the 8,900 square metre facility, which it said will enable it to offer greater manufacturing capacity to customers, implement manufacturing process improvements and expand product line offerings.

Ryan Holmer, technical sales, Infinity, said: "We are seeing tremendous growth across the global market, and our new investment in engineering and manufacturing reflects that."

Fabio Perini in for bamboo masks

Fabio Perini has diversified its product offering with the introduction of a patented technology that produces up to 10,000 biodegradable bamboo masks per minute.

The technology was developed in just over a month during lockdown and is available for Fabio Perini converting lines. It is capable of producing up to 10,000 face masks per minute, which can be adapted to all main "non-woven" materials, including a particular bamboo-based material that can be disposed of with other organic waste.

Cascades's 12.5% volume increase

Cascades has said its second quarter results reflects the resiliency of its business model, as it emphasises its focus to continue to provide customers with "essential, sustainable quality packaging and tissue".

In the second quarter, sales were \$1,285m compared with \$1,313m in the first quarter of 2020 and \$1,275m in the second quarter of 2019. The year-on-year increase was largely due to a volume-driven 12.5% increase in the tissue segment.



Above: "Our operations executed and adapted well during the second quarter," Mario Plourde, Cascades President and Chief Executive

A. Celli Paper acquisition

A.Celli Paper has diversified its product offering after acquiring PMT Italia. The Italian paper machine supplier said the purchase has made it "a main player in the sector".

Pulp price rise

Södra Cell increased the price of its NBSK pulp in Europe by \$40/tonne to \$880, effective as of 1 October. The company said the current net price of NBSK in Europe "is not sustainable, and an upward momentum on price is to be expected".

WEPA's AHEAD 2.2S

WEPA Piechowice has invested in a Toscotec-supplied AHEAD 2.2S tissue line on a full turnkey basis. The project is planned for start-up in the third quarter of 2021 and it will be the sixth tissue line delivered by the supplier to the German group.

Clearwater expects

Clearwater Paper has said demand for tissue products is expected to remain "at elevated levels", as it reports its second quarter results. The company reported a net income of \$23m and Adjusted EBITDA of \$79m for the quarter.

Boost for Sofidel

Sofidel has increased its capacity in the USA and Poland after investing in four Gambini supplied Flex and ProFlex converting lines. Between May 2020 and January 2021, three lines will be started up at the company's plants in Circleville, Ohio, and Inola, Oklahoma. The fourth will be installed at the company's Ciechanów site in Poland.

CASCADES HAS SAID ITS SECOND QUARTER RESULTS REFLECTS THE RESILIENCY OF ITS BUSINESS MODEL, AS IT EMPHASISES ITS FOCUS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CUSTOMERS WITH "ESSENTIAL, SUSTAINABLE QUALITY PACKAGING AND TISSUE".

Laser guide launch

Electric80 has targeted sustainability and operating efficiency with the launch of its next generation of Laser Guided Vehicle (LGV), the new Unicorn. Developed to improve automated warehouse management and quality of parent reels compatible with those handled by the Model Elephant (Clamp) LGV, the latest model can vertically stack reels up to three levels high (up to 9.0 metres), picking up reels using expandable shafts that no longer rely on clamps.



Lee & Man invests

China's Lee & Man Group has boosted its production capacity by 310,000tpy after completing a series of machinery investments supplied by Baosuo Enterprise Group. Jiangxi Lee & Man has added 120,000tpy of high-end household paper after investing in six BC1300-2850 Crescent Former TMs, as well as adding 60,000tpy of high-end household paper after investing in three BC1300-2850 Crescent Former TMs.

Hengan capacity boost

China's Guangdong Hengan Paper Co has boosted its production capacity after investing in four Andritz-supplied PrimeLineCOMPACT M 1600 tissue machines. They will be installed at its new mill in Yunfu, Guangdong, for the production of high-quality facial, toilet, handkerchief and napkin tissue grades made of virgin market pulp. They are scheduled for start-up in the fourth quarter of 2021.

8th for Hayat

Turkish tissue producer Hayat Kimya has invested in its eighth Valmet-supplied tissue machine to be installed at its new site outside Moscow, Russia. The Advantage DCT 200 TS tissue machine – TM9 – will have a width of 5.6m and a design speed of 2,200m/min.

TM for Yunnan Yuxi Nanen

China's Yunnan Yuxi Nanen Company has boosted its production capacity after investing in a Baotuo-supplied Crescent Former tissue machine. The paper machine

model is BC1300-2850 and it has a design width of 2.8m and a design speed of 1,300m/min.

Vinda stock gain

Vinda Personal Care (Guangdong) Co. has invested in an Andritz-supplied stock preparation system for the four tissue machines at its mill in Yangjiang, China. Start-up is scheduled for the second to third quarter of 2021.

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