

Valmet to supply two Advantage NTT tissue production lines to Sofidel America's new mill in USA

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Sofidel America is continuing its expansion in USA and recently announced their plans for a new greenfield plant in Circleville, Ohio. Valmet will deliver two Advantage NTT tissue lines including stock preparation equipment and automation systems to the new mill. Both lines will be started up during 2018.

The order is included in Valmet's third quarter 2016 orders received. The value of the order is not disclosed.

Valmet and Sofidel share a long history of partnership including eleven conventional tissue machine installations in various countries. Earlier this year Sofidel decided to invest in their first Advantage NTT line which will be started up at Delitissue mill in Poland in the second half of 2017.

"The Advantage NTT technology fits very well in our expansion plans for North America. We have a strong focus on the most innovative and high performance technologies and see this as an investment for the future which allow us to take the next step into the premium quality segment," says **Luigi Lazzareschi**, CEO of Sofidel.

"We are excited to continue our shared journey forward together with Sofidel, and are proud to support their expansion plans into new markets and segments. We are convinced that the innovative Advantage NTT lines with its flexibility, product quality and energy saving capabilities is the solution for the future," says **Anders Björn**, Vice President, Tissue Mills, Valmet.

Technical information about the delivery

Valmet's scope of supply comprises two complete tissue production lines including Advantage NTT tissue machines, with OptiFlo headbox and cast alloy Yankee cylinder. The machines will also be featured with the Advantage tissue technology including AirCap hoods with Air systems, WetDust systems and SoftReel B reels. Valmet has also delivered detailed mill engineering, stock preparation equipment as well as automation packages including DCS (distributed control) and QCS (quality control) systems.

The new tissue machines will have a design speed of 1,800 m/min in textured mode and 2,000 m/min in plain mode. The production lines are optimized to save energy and fiber as well as add possibilities for product differentiation and increased capacity of premium quality products. Each line will have an annual production

capacity of 70,000 tons.