Some 30 Nordic companies exhibiting at China Paper

China Paper maintains its position as the premier event for the Asian pulp and paper industry. Some 400 exhibiting companies and 6,663 visitors took part in this year’s China Paper exhibition, held in Beijing on September 19-21. Approximately 30 companies and organizations from the Nordic countries were exhibiting, the majority of them from Finland, but also a number of Swedish exhibitors. Metsohad one of the largest stands at the show.

"We have had a lot of positive feedback from both visitors and exhibitors," says Patrik Löwstedt, Exhibition Manager and Vice President of Adforum, organizer of China Paper. "The show was well attended, and according to exhibitors a lot of valuable relationships were formed."

The China Paper Technical Conference attracted 230 delegates. Next year’s China Paper will be held on September 10-12, in Shanghai.

Norske Skog to temporarily reduce newsprint production

Norske Skog temporarily halts the production on one paper machine at Skogm mill in Norway. 56 employees at the plant are laid off until October 31.

The mill takes two months’ downtime on PM2 due to weak market conditions. PM2 has a capacity of 186,000 tons of newsprint per year. The downtime during September and October will reduce the output by some 25,000 tons.

According to Odd Einar Asmo, Information Manager at Norske Skog Skogn, no other measures to reduce the production at the mill are planned at present.

ABB wins pulp and paper order in India

ABB has won an order worth more than 15 million Dollar to supply integrated automation and power equipment and related engineering and commissioning services to JK Paper for its expansion project. The Company is a major player in the Indian Paper industry and branded copier papers in India.

The order is for capacity enhancement for one of its units, JK Paper Mills. Located in Rayagada in the state of Orissa, southeast India, this mill annually produces 125,000 tons of branded printing, writing and copier paper. The mill expansion and modernization project will more than double its production capacity. It will add a new paper machine with a capacity of 165,000 tons per year, a pulp mill that will produce 215,000 tons of wood pulp per year, and a 55 MW power plant. This expansion project involves close to USD 400 million.

ABB’s delivery for the mill will help to improve its overall production efficiency and capacity. While maximizing energy efficiency and ensuring a reliable source of power, it will provide further impetus to the Company’s resource conservation efforts in energy and water.

Full speed for Metsä Tissue’s Polish investment

The construction phase of Metsä Tissue’s three year Polish investment programme has taken a step forward with work initiated on the converting and warehousing hall of the company’s Krapkowice mill site. The paper machine has been under construction since June.

The programme, announced in April this year, includes a sizeable increase in paper making and converting capacity as well as brand new rental converting and warehousing buildings at the company’s Krapkowice mill. The investment is designed to further improve delivery service, flexibility and overall supply reliability.

Design award to Billerud’s design agency

The Nine innovation and design agency, in which Billerud is the main shareholder, has been awarded Pentawards’ Best of the Show for its work on Ramlösa premium PET.

Nine developed the packaging solution for Carlsberg’s Swedish premium version of Ramlösa, primarily intended for selected restaurants, bars and clubs. Nine was commissioned to investigate and identify new, smarter packaging in a material other than glass while retaining the premium feel and the experienced value of the iconic product. The new packaging was launched in May 2011.

"What drives us is developing smarter packaging solutions that save costs, strengthen brands, improve logistics and help protect the environment. This means we are very happy that Nine is part of Billerud’s network of expertise," says Billerud CEO Per Lindberg.

Per Lindberg, CEO of Billerud. Photo: Billerud