POLAND

Hanke Tissue starts up PMP Intelli-Jet V™ headbox

PMP has announced a successful and smooth completion of the replacement and start-up of a new Intelli-Jet V™ hydraulic headbox for Hanke Tissue on 6 September 2009. The scope of supply covered a new hydraulic headbox, a new fan pump, complete stock approach piping and design services for a stock preparation rebuild.

Hanke Tissue is a producer of high quality printed napkins, uni-colour napkins and toilet, kitchen towels, handkerchiefs and tissue. Tissue and napkins are manufactured in 30 different colours. All products are sold under the brand ‘an...’ and a new exclusive brand Silver Square.

INDIA

Pudumjee rebuilds TM6 at Pune mill

Indian Company Pudumjee Industries has chosen Italian manufacturer ToscoTec for the rebuild of TM6 in its Pune mill. In a project designed to increase production and reduce energy consumption, Pudumjee will install a new ToscoTec steel Yankee dryer TT SYD 12FT in place of the existing cast-iron one. The scope of supply also includes steam and condensate system upgrading, new mechanical drives and a fourdrinier modification. The rebuild will be carried out by the end of this year.

Pudumjee (part of MP Jatia Group) is a pioneer in the manufacture of specialty papers in India. It is active in manufacturing tissues, real estate development and other trading and is one of the largest tissue producers in the Indian market, with ambitious plans for expansion and growth.

The company says its production philosophy is oriented towards eco-friendly products and energy savings. In line with this, Ved Leekha, Executive Director of Pudumjee Mills, said that the company strategy for the future expansion is focused on quality products with low emission and energy savings.

BRAZIL

APP to export jumbo reels to Brazil

Asia Pulp & Paper (APP) has started selling tissue paper in the Brazilian market. APP will focus on the supply of paper rolls that can be processed into a number of products local producers can sell under their own brands.

“We believe that local producers find it difficult to increment their production in an economically viable way and in balance with the demand, what makes this growing a hard task,” says APP Brazil’s general director Geraldo Ferreira. “Thus, importing the tissue paper in rolls from APP becomes a viable and beneficial alternative to the market,” he adds.

The company decided to enter the tissue market as it identified an opportunity in Brazil. “There are many local industries that find it hard to increase production since it would require them to invest in new equipment. Now those companies will have the option to buy the paper from APP and commercialize it with their own brand, growing accordingly to demand,” Ferreira said.

APP expects tissue paper to represent 10% of its sales in Brazil in 2010, according to RISI. The company already supplies the Brazilian market with coated and uncoated woodfree paper as well as specialty and packaging paper.

Globally, APP has been in the tissue segment since 1997 and is currently one of the top five producers with an installed capacity of 1 million tons/yr at its mills in China and Indonesia.