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Nordic Paper chooses digital solution from AFRY

The world-leading pulp and paper manufacturer Nordic Paper has chosen the digital solution AFRY PaperLine to replace the existing production support system with a new MES-system.

The Scandinavian paper and pulp manufacturer Nordic Paper has plants in Sweden, Norway and Canada. The company produces kraft paper and greaseproof paper used for food packaging.

Nordic Paper has chosen AFRY's MES system (Manufacturing Execution System) and platform, AFRY PaperLine, to streamline its Scandinavian manufacturing processes. The AFRY MES solution will be configured to mill processes and integrated to surrounding mill system at four paper mills in Sweden and Norway, including migration of existing data and start-up.

AFRY's assignment includes software configured to meet business requirements, installation, project management and deployment, covering all Nordic Papers mill production units. The new MES solution will make internal processes more automated and streamlined and result in a more agile and efficient workflow between the mills. Nordic Paper will also have other benefits included, like access to AFRY MES support center, which is a special service for customers in Sweden.

"When we were looking for a partner, we had a number of criteria. It was important for us to find a local and global partner close to our business, especially in Scandinavia. In addition, it was also important to find the right partner in terms of the desire to work in a flexible partnership with a strong focus on innovation. The choice therefore ended up with AFRY, which we see as a long-term partner for us in the digitalisation journey that Nordic Paper has embarked on" says Patric Johansson, IT Manager at Nordic Paper.

"We are very pleased with the trust and cooperation with Nordic Paper. We look forward to contributing with our expertise, as well as a modern and secure digital solution with a support that provides a higher degree of automation, efficiency, and production safety" says David Andersson, Segment Manager for Digitalisation at AFRY Process Industries in Sweden.

The work started in March 2023 and is planned to be completed in 2025.

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About AFRY PaperLine

AFRY PaperLine is a version of AFRY's MES system (Manufacturing Execution System) and developed by AFRY to support the process industry to achieve an efficient production process with modern IT-support. The system includes full support for the entire production process and a modern technology that increases competitiveness.

About Nordic Paper

Nordic Paper is an independent manufacturer of paper and pulp of the highest quality. They are located in Scandinavia and Canada – surrounded by nature where the large forests provide raw materials for their greaseproof paper and iamKraft® kraft paper. Their five paper mills are located in Bäckhammar, Åmotfors and Säffle in Sweden, Greåker in Norway and Québec in Canada. All mills produce paper and in Bäckhammar they also produce their own pulp.

AFRY provides engineering, design, digital and advisory services to accelerate the transition towards a sustainable society.

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