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## Press release from AFRY

### Growing demand for sustainably produced packaging materials drives Metsä Board's investment in Sweden

Metsä Board, part of Metsä Group, has awarded AFRY the engineering assignment for the investment to increase their folding boxboard production capacity in Husum mill, Sweden. The investment will lead to an increased production capacity of 200,000 tonnes, to meet a growing demand for sustainably produced packaging materials.

Consumers' environmental awareness has increased the demand for wood-fibre-based products and packaging, such as folding boxboard, an area where Metsä Board is a European leading producer. To meet the growing demand, Metsä Board is now investing towards more sustainable production with increased production efficiency and environmental performance. Metsä Board's overall investment value is approximately EUR 210 million.

"We see the value in benefiting from AFRY's broad expertise and experience in this type of project, as well as being able to contribute with both global resources and their capacity locally. With AFRY's deep process knowledge and their focus on sustainability, we see good conditions for good collaboration," says Håkan Jonsson, Project Manager at Metsä Board.

The project will increase the capacity from 400,000 tonnes to 600,000 tonnes and is expected to have full production capacity by the end of 2025. Metsä Board has awarded AFRY the engineering assignment that includes detailed engineering of process, mechanical and piping, electrical, instrumental, automation, and HVAC as well as project planning services. The value of the order is not disclosed.

"We are proud to be a part of the strategic investments that are in progress at Metsä Board in Husum. Metsä Board is keen to maintain its position as a leading folding boxboard producer and understand the power of changing towards a more sustainable society—so it is very gratifying that we get the opportunity to contribute with our expertise," says Lisa Vedin, Head of AFRY Process Industries in Sweden.

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