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## Press release from AFRY

### AFRY provides engineering services for sawmill renovation projects in Finland

Pölkky Oy, a Finnish wood processing company, has awarded AFRY an engineering and consulting services assignment for the renovation projects of its sawmills in Kajaani and Taivalkoski.

Wood is a natural, renewable, and durable raw material with unique material properties. Renewable, responsibly produced wood is the only sustainable building material. The use of wood as a raw material is increasing in the building industry as companies are encouraged to adopt more sustainable construction methods to reduce high CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Pölkky Oy is the largest private wood processing company in Northern Finland. As part of its long-term growth strategy, Pölkky's production plant in Kajaani will be rebuilt in 2022–2024. The sawing capacity will increase to 450,000 cubic meters per year, amounting to a sawn wood usage of around 900,000 m<sup>3</sup> per year.

Pölkky will also renew the sawing technology of the Taivalkoski unit. The sawmill capacity in Taivalkoski will increase to 300,000 cubic meters during 2023 after the first phase of investments. About 600,000 m<sup>3</sup> of sawn wood will be used per year.

AFRY will provide multidisciplinary engineering work for the modernization of the sawmills and new sawing lines. In addition, AFRY conducts various studies related to logistics, infrastructure, and emissions. The value of the order is not stated.

"AFRY, with its extensive expertise and strong industry-specific knowledge, was a safe choice for us as a partner," says Petteri Virranniemi, Managing Director of Pölkky Oy.

"We are honored to be Pölkky Oy's partner in this sustainable wood processing project of the future. Our operating model, where local presence and knowhow is supported by global competencies, enables us to deliver world-class consulting and engineering services to Pölkky," says Kalle Rasinmäki, President, Process Industries Finland at AFRY.

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Quick facts: Wood as a building material is fully recyclable, and it sequesters carbon dioxide throughout the life cycle of the building. In Finland, forests are managed in accordance with sustainability and the forest produces more than is spent. AFRY has strong experience in the entire value chain of the wood processing industry. [Read more about our services](#)

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