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Graz, 29 June 2006. International Technology Group Andritz received an order from Aracruz Celulose S.A., Brazil for its expansion project 2330, targeting to substantially increase the capacity of Fiberline C from the original design capacity of 700,000 to 950,000 t/a. The order value for Andritz is approximately USD 80 million.

The capacity of Aracruz Fiberline C, which was delivered by Andritz in 2002, has been continuously increased during the last years, substantially above the original design capacity. Now Aracruz decided to carry out a major expansion of the mill and again placed the order with Andritz. The aim of the investment is to achieve higher production rates and to further enhance and optimize pulp quality.

The order focuses on upgrading and modernizing the washing, screening and bleaching equipment of Fiberline C, which includes the delivery of three new DD washers, new reactors, and equipment for medium-consistency pulp. The pulp drying line will also be upgraded to achieve the new capacity rates.

A new chipping line, consisting of an Andritz HHQ-ChipperTM and a new Andritz bleaching stage for bleach plant B at the Aracruz mill, was also ordered. The Andritz bleaching equipment fulfills the highest environmental standards, thus reducing chemicals consumption to a minimum. This protects the environment and leads to essential cost savings for the customers.

Delivery is scheduled to take place in the second half of 2007.

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