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Graz, 8 August 2006. International Technology Group Andritz, Austria received an order from Sappi Saiccor (Pty.) Ltd., the worlds largest manufacturer of viscose pulp (dissolving pulp) for the supply of the bleaching, evaporation and pulp drying equipment for its Saiccor mill in Umkomaas, near Durban, South Africa. With this investment, the capacity of the mill will be increased from 600,000 to approximately 800,000 tons/a of bleached viscose pulp which is used for a wide range of products (textiles, food, chemicals and plastics).

Andritz will provide the basic and detail engineering, supply of equipment, mechanical erection, supervision, start-up, and training. The start-up of the plant is scheduled for February 2008. The order value for Andritz is approximately 100 MEUR.

The new bleach plant supplied by Andritz represents state-of-the-art process technology providing best washing efficiency while at the same time minimizing chemical consumption. The pulp drying line (working width: 4 m) is based on the very successful high-capacity Andritz Twin Wire former concept which fulfils highest runnability demands and has been successfully in operation in many pulp mills worldwide. In addition, Andritz Küsters, one of the worlds leading suppliers of roll and calender technologies for the paper industry, will supply a calender to secure best uniform pulp sheet properties which are important parameters for dissolving pulp. The Andritz 6-effect 370 t/h evaporation plant is an advanced sulphite liquor evaporator, with special emphasis on the production of clean re-usable condensates. It is equipped with a stripper and a methanol recovery unit for the cleaning of condensates and other specific features required by the sulphite process.

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