



The dancing lion wishing Voith Paper China a bright and prosperous future. From left to right: Ming Ming Liu, President Voith Paper China Co., Ltd.; Dr. Hermut Kormann, President and CEO Voith AG; Dr. Hans-Peter Sollinger, President Voith Paper



Dr. Hermut Kormann, President and CEO Voith AG, giving his welcome speech at the opening ceremony

Building the Voith Paper City in Kunshan

Opening of new Technology and Service Center in China



Dr. Hermut Kormann, President and CEO Voith AG, awakens the sleeping lion, a traditional Chinese symbol for having a blessed and prosperous future

Some 70 years after Voith Paper delivered the first paper machine to China, the company and its customers reached another important milestone on October 26, 2007 in Kunshan, China. The grand opening of Voith Paper's new Technology and Service Center in China enables Voith to better serve its customers' needs in the rapidly growing Chinese and Asia/Pacific markets.

Over 150 valued customers from China and Asia/Pacific joined top-ranked government officials, Voith executive board members and local employees to celebrate the inauguration of the phase one buildings in the widely anticipated "Voith Paper City."

the new facility is designed as the manufacturing epicenter for all Voith Paper operations in China, consisting of over 70,000 square meters of production and office space. The total investment accumulates to 50 million Euro.

Located near metropolis Shanghai in the hi-tech industrial park of Kunshan, one of China's fastest-growing cities,

By October 2008, Voith Paper will complete the second phase of construction on the "Paper City",



Ribbon cutting of Voith Paper's top customers and Voith management (from left to right): Jackson Huang, Representative of APP; Dr. Hans-Peter Sollinger, President of Voith Paper; Xuerong Zhou, Deputy Mayor of Kunshan City and Director of the Kunshan New and Hi-Tech Industrial Development Zone; Dr. Hermut Kormann, President and CEO of Voith AG; Fengquan Zhu, Standing Member of the Communist Party of China – Kunshan Committee; Yin Zhang, President of Nine Dragons Paper Group; Jianhua Li, President of Huatai Paper Group

allowing for Voith Paper Fabrics and Voith Paper Rolls to move from their current location in Kunshan to the new site. Voith Paper Fabrics has employed local citizens at its paper machine clothing plant for the last decade. In 2003, Voith Paper Rolls arrived at the Fabrics location and established a separate service center for roll covers.

Through hosting all of its seven divisions under one roof, Voith Paper is creating a veritable hub of papermaking knowledge and available expertise for its domestic and international customers. Providing a comprehensive portfolio of system solutions, products and services in a more focused and efficient way is critical to meeting today's growing customer demands. This consolidated, vertically integrated model enables Voith

Paper to sharpen its profile as the only full process supplier and technology leader for the paper industry in China and across the globe.

"We are proud to celebrate the opening of this new Technology and Service Center, which we built to better meet our customers' needs in a region that continues to see tremendous growth for our business," said Dr. Hans-Peter Sollinger, President of Voith Paper. "Voith is strategically positioned at the forefront of China's transformation into a global papermaking giant. This enhanced presence is a testimony of our commitment to support Chinese papermakers in taking the lead in the global paper business."

Prominent customers from the paper industry like the richest woman in

China, the President of Nine Dragons Paper Group, Yin Zhang, the President of Huatai Paper Group, Jianhua Li, and Jackson Huang as representative of APP helped Voith Paper usher in its historic new era in China by participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The distinguished dais noted that China currently has the most advanced and efficient paper machines in the world, and that this would not have been possible without such a trusted and reliable partner as Voith. A big kudos at the end of a very successful opening ceremony.

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