

Voith Paper Environmental Solutions wins coveted environmental award

## Green Apple Award for reduced water use



*Jan Telensky (right), owner of the resort AquaCity, Poprad, Slovakia and lead sponsor of the Green Apple Awards handed over the coveted environmental award to Werner Geßler (left), General manager of VPES.*

The shortage of water is increasingly becoming a problem. Therefore, the industry must find ways to conserve water. Voith Paper Environmental Solutions (VPES) is developing products and technologies that reduce the use of water in paper production. And it did not take long to garner the first accolade for this resolute commitment to the environment: on November 10, 2008 VPES received the renowned Green Apple Award. Every year the independent British

“Green Organization” awards this prize, which is regarded as one of the most prestigious environmental awards in the U.K. The judges award prizes to companies, local authorities and individuals in 25 categories for sustainable projects and products. Werner Geßler, General manager of VPES, accepted the Green Apple Award for the “European Company” category at an official ceremony held in the House of Commons, the British parliament building in London.

Mondi and Voith Paper go head to head in rafting competition

## “adventure day twogether”

At the end of August Voith Paper invited Mondi SCP and Mondi Packaging Ruzomberok from Slovakia to an “adventure day twogether 2008” at the Slovakian whitewater slalom park at Liptovsky Mikulas. 45 participants registered for the event, which was attended by over 70 people representing all paper machines in Ruzomberok.

In the rafting competition each team was made up of employees from a PM. Eight customer teams and a Voith team then competed against one another. Of course the competition got very heated and the capsizing of some of the rafts was part and parcel of the action. There were five rafting rounds, two for training purposes and three competitive courses. In the end the “Kalamita” from Mondi’s PM 18 was the proud

victor. It negotiated the challenging whitewater course in the shortest time. Apart from the rafting, a quad bike course, and archery provided some variety in the day’s entertainment. In the course of this day

full of sporting challenges and many private conversations and “shop talk” there was plenty of opportunity to strengthen and develop our interpersonal relationships.



*Mondi and Voith “twogether” after a successful day of rafting.*