



think in paper – The future of paper begins at Voith Paper

On October 26, 2004, the foundation-stone for a unique project for the future by Voith Paper was laid in Heidenheim: the Paper Technology Center (PTC). With the laying of the foundation-stone the go-ahead was given for the world's largest and most modern paper research center, which will commence operations in a year from now. With an investment totaling around 50 million euros, the PTC marks the highest single investment made so far in the field of research and development in Voith's corporate history.



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Approximately 60 guests from politics, industry and the press were invited to Heidenheim for this historic event. Dr. Hermut Kormann, President and CEO of the Corporate Management Board of Voith AG, and Dr. Hans-Peter Sollinger, Member of the Corporate Management Board of Voith Paper, together with the mayor of Heidenheim, Bernhard Ilg, welcomed the guests and jointly embedded an annual report, coins and a Heidenheim daily newspaper in mortar in the prepared foundation-stone.

The Paper Technology Center opens up completely new dimensions in research & development at Voith Paper. *“The PTC, as a milestone, marks a highlight in our development from machine builder to process and service supplier”*, Dr. Hans-Peter Sollinger explained to the audience.



At this research unit it will, for the first time, be possible to test and optimize the complete paper production process under real conditions in advance – from the furnish to the machine configuration, the automation system and machine clothing from Voith Fabrics up to the final product. With the Paper Technology Center, it is intended to recognize customer requirements and the challenges of the paper industry at an even earlier stage and to implement future-oriented solutions. The engineers and scientists will be concerned with, among other things,

increasing the share of recovered paper, raising productivity and quality as well as reducing energy requirements.

Other points of emphasis of the research will be the reduction of the water requirements and closed water cycles in paper production. All these subjects and many more will make the paper production process of the future more economical and, at the same time, protect natural resources. With the Paper Technology Center, Voith Paper will further expand its role as a leader in technology and innovation.



*Laying the foundation-stone:
(from right to left):
Dr. Hermut Kormann,
Dr. Hans-Peter Sollinger,
mayor Bernhard Ilg.*