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Topping-out party at the new Paper Technology Center

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Only eight months after laying the foundation stone, the new Paper Technology Center in Heidenheim already had a roof over its head by June 17, 2005. This state-of-the-art research facility investment underlines Voith Paper's future-oriented innovation strategy.

Fig. 1: Construction work on the new Paper Technology Center is progressing rapidly.

Fig. 2: Congratulations on a highly successful topping-out (left to right): Herbert Stahlhut, Glass GmbH building contractors; Jörg Wilhelm, project manager Voith Paper; Josef Schuster, Schuster Engineering; Heinz-Jörg Hüper, Hüper Plan; Ulrich Gönnerwein, Züblin GmbH; Ulrich Begemann, R&D manager Voith Paper; Dieter Tegeder, Glass GmbH; Karl Josef Böck, managing director Voith Paper Heidenheim, Germany.

Fig. 3: Inside the new PM hall.

Fig. 4: The topping-out address was held by foreman Horst Steiner of Züblin GmbH, Germany.

Karl Josef Böck, managing director Voith Paper Heidenheim, thanked the architects, building contractors and everyone else involved for their outstanding performance. Even the size of this impressive building faced them with a considerable challenge – 115 m long and 22 m high, with 850 tons of steel and about 8,000 cubic meters of concrete. That is about 150 times more concrete than for an average house.

After completing the building so quickly, paper machine installation can already go ahead in July this year, ready for the scheduled commissioning in February 2006. To meet that deadline, all available forces will be mobilized for on-time inau-

guration. This new Voith Paper technology center – the world's most modern – incorporates equipment as it were a complete graphic paper line for process modifications and analysis, ranging from stock preparation to finished product. The technical data of this facility are equally impressive: with a design speed of 3,000 m/min or 180 km/h, 50 m of paper can be produced per second – five times faster than the 100 m world sprint record.

With this Paper Technology Center, Voith's technology leadership will be further consolidated for meeting customer needs even earlier, with innovative future-oriented solutions.

