



Hans Müller,  
President and CEO  
Voith Sulzer Paper Technology

*Dear Customer, dear Reader,*

*Despite difficult market conditions, especially in Asia and America, Voith Sulzer Paper Technology can look back on a satisfactory business year with an order book of 2 billion German Marks.*

*Orders received included 13 complete paper machines, seven of which will be installed in Europe, three in the USA, two in China and one in Australia. Apart from smaller orders, 18 major rebuilds were also booked.*

*We are particularly proud of the start-ups of two writing and printing paper machines in Germany at Papierfabrik Palm GmbH & Co in Eltmann and at Gebrüder Lang GmbH in Ettringen. Both machines belong to a new, future-oriented generation of plants operating with totally closed draws. The technological breakthrough in this machine concept for increasing production speed and enhancing paper quality was achieved mainly by onward development of our NipcoFlex shoe press technology and by the new Janus Mark II generation of calenders. We believe the innovative role we have adopted in keeping ahead of the field will attract considerable attention in the paper industry, with our new ideas rapidly gaining worldwide acceptance.*

*In July 1999, the Voith Group of Companies acquired the roll cover, service and paper machine clothing activities from the Scapa Group. This significant expansion in our service capabilities means we can provide our customers with even better assistance and support. Today, we operate 45 Service Centers in Europe, America and Asia. With the expansion in paper machine clothing technology, we are consistently pursuing our objective of expanding our base as a comprehensive systems supplier.*

*In establishing Voith Sulzer Automation we have combined all Group paper technology automation activities in our company. This concentration of forces has already shown first successes in the new "Millennium" range of products, bringing us one step closer to the most reliable paper manufacturing process.*

*For the new Millennium we wish you every success and hope that this issue of our "twogether Magazine" again proves interesting reading for you.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hans Müller". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Hans Müller  
on behalf of the Voith Sulzer Paper Technology Team