



Roll grinding machine for Vietnam



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Bai Bang Pulp and Paper Mill, Phong Chau, is located in Phu Tho province about 60 km north-east of Hanoi on the Red River. Constructed in the mid-seventies, this plant has a pulp production capacity of about 50,000 t.p.a., and 100,000 t.p.a. paper and board.

The completely state-owned Bai Bang mill is to be expanded, and one requirement for this is modernization or replacement of the existing Bruderhaus roll grinding aggregate.

Initial negotiations in this connection during the mid-nineties were followed by inspection of the existing machine to decide whether it should be upgraded or



replaced. Against tough competition, Voith Sulzer Paper Technology then received the order in April 1999 for delivery and installation of a modern roll grinding machine. The new machine is currently being manufactured at our Appleton works in Wisconsin, USA, for delivery and installation in June 2000.

This is the first order booked in Vietnam by Voith Sulzer Paper Technology, and visiting Bai Bang mill in 1998 was the author's first opportunity to travel in a country where the ravages of war are still all too obvious, not only in Hanoi. But this sad impression was more than offset by my cordial reception in Bai Bang and by the friendly people in Phong Chau, whose livelihood depends almost exclusively on the paper mill as main regional employer, whether directly or indirectly.

We are delighted at this first order in Vietnam, and trust that prompt delivery with full customer satisfaction in June 2000 will set the scene for ongoing fruitful cooperation in the future.

Currently 315 Voith Sulzer roll grinding machines are in service worldwide, with capacities up to 15 metres roll length.