

## Finckh becomes Voith Finckh Fiber Systems

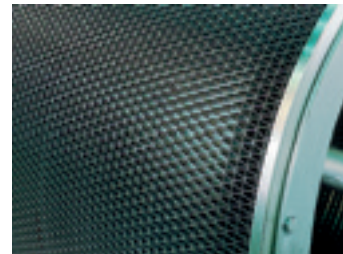


**As already published in the paper industry magazines, Voith acquired the shares of Hermann Finckh Maschinenfabrik GmbH & Co., Pfullingen, Germany in October 2001.**

The products of the traditional company Finckh ideally supplement the product range of Voith Paper's Fiber Systems Division. Finckh is well-known as a leading manufacturer of screen baskets and screen plates for the paper industry. Together with Finckh, Voith Paper is now able to offer the complete product range of screen baskets and screen plates from one source, whether perforated, slotted or milled, as well as wedge wire type screen baskets (C-bar™).

A company that has been active in screening technology as long as Finckh can, of course, also contribute a number of additional synergies in the joint development of screening technology for the future. Combination machines, such as the CYCLO™ unit or horizontal screens, now complement Voith Paper's existing range of products.

In addition, there are other Finckh products also of strategic importance for us. With its system of soaking – mixing – screening, Finckh possesses extensive process knowledge in the field of drum pulping. Voith Paper will apply this know-



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how in the application of the TwinDrum™ for raw materials that are easy to pulp down.

Using Finckh's expertise in honeycomb-type designs, Voith Paper's range of paper machine components is now supplemented by dandy roll equipment, forming and couch rolls, as well as cylinder moulds.

With the acquisition of Finckh, approximately 120 additional employees have joined the Voith Group, the majority are situated in Pfullingen and some in the USA.

The first joint project discussions have not only shown that the Voith Paper and Finckh products complement each other perfectly, but also – and this is actually the more important point – that the teams harmonize together very well. This comes as no surprise since Pfullingen is only about two hours' drive away from both Ravensburg and Heidenheim.

*Picture sequence at top: (from left to right) fold-design drum thickener, screen baskets and screen plates, dandy roll in honeycomb design.*