

## **SOFIDEL PURCHASES LATEST-GENERATION ADVANTAGE NEW TISSUE TECHNOLOGY (NTT) MACHINE FROM VALMET IN POLAND**

**The machine will be installed in the Delitissue plant in Ciechanów, Poland, allowing Sofidel to further improve the quality of its product range and increase plant energy efficiency**

The Sofidel Group, global leading manufacturer of paper for hygienic and domestic use and well-known in Italy in particular for the brand Regina, today announced the purchase of a latest-generation machine for the production of tissue, which will be installed in the Delitissue plant in Ciechanów, Poland.

The Advantage New Tissue Technology (NTT) 200 machine produced by Valmet, leading global developer and supplier of technologies, automation and services for the pulp, paper and energy industries, manufactures both conventional and textured tissue and will allow Sofidel to further improve the quality of its product range and increase further the plant's energy efficiency.

The new machine, that has a 5.5 metres size and a speed of 2,000 metres per minute, will come into operation in Q4 2017 and will have a production capacity of 70,000 tons a year. Valmet's supply includes the machines for the mixtures preparation as well as the entire automation system.

NTT technology allows the production of tissue with minor energy and fiber consumptions in an extremely flexible way, and it is consistent with Sofidel's sustainability strategy for environmental footprint reduction.

*"This decision is in keeping with Sofidel's focus on the most innovative and high-performance technology, and is also a significant way of increasing our sustainability standards and expanding our range of products, especially in terms of consumer demand in the premium segment"*, declared Luigi Lazzareschi, CEO of the Sofidel Group.

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## About Sofidel

The Sofidel Group, a privately held company owned by the Stefani and Lazzareschi families, is a world leader in the manufacture of paper for hygienic and domestic use. Founded in 1966, the Group has subsidiaries in 12 countries – Italy, Spain, Sweden, the UK, Belgium, France, Germany, Poland, Romania, Greece, Turkey and the USA – with more than 5,500 employees. With a consolidated turnover of 1,809 million Euros (2015), Sofidel is the second ranking group in Europe in terms of production capacity in the tissue sector (1,050,000 tonnes per annum - 2014). “Regina”, its most well-known brand, is present on almost all the markets. Other brands include: Softis, Le Trèfle, Sopalin, Nouvelle, Thirst Pockets, KittenSoft, Nalys, Cosynel, Yummy, Soft & Easy, Volare, Onda, Lycke, Nicky, Papernet, Heavenly Soft. A member of UN Global Compact and the international WWF Climate Savers programme, the Sofidel Group considers sustainability a strategic factor with regards to growth and is committed to promoting a sustainable development.

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