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Arctic Paper and Rottneros are collaborating on sustainable fiber trays in Poland

Arctic Paper and Rottneros have signed a Letter of Intent regarding a 50/50 joint venture in Kostrzyn, Poland with the aim of building a molded fiber tray factory. The start-up of the new factory, which is estimated to generate an annual revenue of 9-11 MEUR, is planned for the end of 2023. The investment is expected to amount to 12-15 MEUR, corresponding to approximately 55-70 MPLN.

Production will be suitable for high barrier packaging, modified atmosphere packaging with extended shelf life as well as for packaging with lesser functional demands, all based on Rottneros primary fiber. The products can withstand heat and are excellent for ready-made food - both frozen and chilled dishes - which constitutes a rapidly growing market. Production capacity is estimated at 60 – 80 million trays.

This can be compared with Rottneros Packaging's existing plant in Sunne, Sweden, where the capacity today amounts to 15-20 million trays of comparable quality. In addition to supply climate smart packaging the purpose is also to use the new plant as a model to show both the high quality and a scalable and competitive production.

“The investment will be an important step in our new 4P strategy, to broaden Arctic Paper's offering from graphic papers to other, fast-growing segments. We have always believed in Rottneros as a strategic investment and look forward to developing a joint business in sustainable fiber trays. Arctic Paper's factory in Kostrzyn gives us all the prerequisites, both technically and geographically, to get started quickly,” says Michal Jarczyński, CEO of Arctic Paper.

“This is an excellent next step to show what Rottneros Packaging can do in the transition to sustainable packaging, something that the entire industry is in. It will be extremely exciting to see how we can develop our leading position in molded fiber trays with the highest possible requirements for packaging,” says Lennart Eberleh, Rottneros' President and CEO.

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