

## UMKA CARDBOARD MILL

### 01. Recovered paper - Supply Chain Disruptions

Recovered paper is a key raw material for the paper and board industry, especially for the European producers. It represents over 50% of the fiber used to produce paper and cardboard across the world.

With using recovered paper, we reduce pollution and require significantly less energy during the production process compared to using virgin fiber.



The industry has grappled with significant market fluctuations. Supply chains faced formidable challenges, including strikes, unexpected production curtailments in pulp and paper manufacturing and rising logistics costs. The aforementioned factors have contributed to a substantial escalation in the price of recovered paper.

Since January, there has been an unbroken upward trajectory in the prices of recovered paper. Current indications suggest that this trend will persist in the coming months.

## 02. Final stage of investment cycle

As a final stage of our development strategy which have started 2021, this summer we will perform a complete reconstruction of the drying of coating.

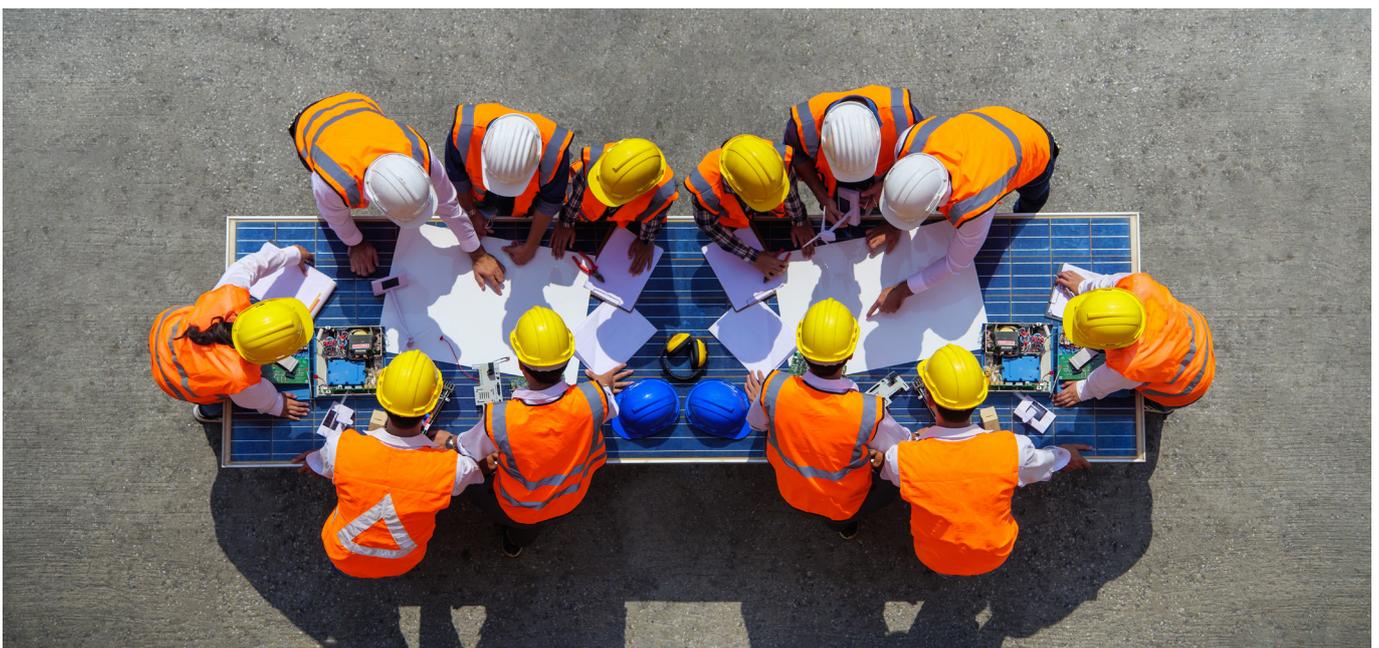
Existing 3 air dryers and 3 IR dryers with open flame will be replaced by brand new 7 OptiDry Coat air dryers, produced by Valmet. Mentioned reconstruction will bring us improved system of drying of coating and increase of our production capacity up to 220.000t (substance range 160g – 450g).

As a reminder in last 3 years, Umka Cardboard Mill has already done following reconstructions:

- New fourdrinier forming section (2021)
- Installation of Jumbo press (2021)
- Installation of Curtain coater (2021)
- Installation of new winder (2021)
- New stock preparation building (2022)
- Reconstruction of the drying section of the cardboard machine (2023)

All investments, are done with support of Valmet, a global leader in the development and implementation of process technologies and service automation in the paper industry.

The reconstruction is scheduled to be finished on 12th of August.



## 03. Membership in the Pro Carton family

Pro Carton, the European Association of Carton and cardboard manufacturers, is a non-profit organization representing over 40 cardboard mills in 13 different European countries and North America.

Pro Carton promotes the functionalities and benefits of cartons and cardboard as a renewable, recyclable and competitive packaging material to brand owners, retailers, designers, etc.

Umka Cardboard Mill became a member from 18th of April.

## YOUNG DESIGNERS AWARD

As part of the ECMA conference, scheduled to take place in Berlin from September 18th to 20th, the winners of the Pro Carton Young Designers Award will be announced., Umka Cardboard Mill will be one of the sponsors.

The Pro Carton Young Designers Award is Europe's annual competition for young talent in packaging design, with a focus exclusively on cardboard. It plays a pioneering role in promoting sustainable packaging and fostering innovation among students across Europe.





## *INTERESTING STORIES*

In Q1-Q2 2024 we managed to deliver our products to 32 countries and 243 customers across Europe and Middle East.

Depending on the transportation possibilities and all other relevant factors, we will continue to adapt and follow latest market trends.

**Thank you for your trust and cooperation!**

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