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

Rottneros and Arctic Paper have signed a Letter of Intent regarding a 50/50 joint venture in Kostrzyn, Poland with the aim of building a moulded fiber tray factory. The start-up of the new factory is planned for the end of 2023. The investment is expected to amount to 12-15 MEUR, corresponding to approximately 120-150 MSEK.

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, 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.

“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.

“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.

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Rottneros is an independent producer of market pulp. The Group comprises the parent company Rottneros AB, listed on Nasdaq Stockholm, and its subsidiaries Rottneros Bruk AB and Vallviks Bruk AB with operations involving the production and sale of market pulp. The Group also includes Rottneros Packaging AB, which manufactures fibre trays, and the wood procurement company SIA Rottneros Baltic in Latvia and the forest operator Nykvist Skogs AB. The Group has about 318 employees and had a turnover of approximately SEK 2.1 billion in the 2020 financial year.

