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## **World record for newsprint - 2,000 threshold exceeded**

On 26th July 2008, Papierfabrik Palm broke a world speed record on PM 3 in Eltmann am Main, Bavaria, at 2,005 m/min. Palm has therefore set a new milestone: the first world speed record to exceed the 2,000 threshold.

At a basis weight of 48.8 g/m<sup>2</sup>, an average speed of 2,005 m/min was achieved on PM 3 over a period of 24 hours. During this period, even a top speed of 2,020 m/min was reached for several hours without any problems. This shows the potential that lies behind PM 3.

„This success is attributable to the extremely motivated, hardworking team on PM 3. In addition, the goal-oriented rebuilds over the past few years and the steady optimization of the production line are decisive criteria for this world speed record and the productivity increases achieved“, explains Andreas Reichert, mill manager at Papierfabrik Palm in Eltmann. „Our employees can be very proud of what they have achieved. 53 hours at a speed of more than 2,000 m/min with good availability and quality impressively confirm the positive effect of the pragmatic working methods at Eltmann.“

PM 3 produces newsprint in a basis weight range of 42.5 – 48.8 g/m<sup>2</sup> on a wire width of 8,900 mm. The paper machine supplied by Voith went on stream in 1999 and confirmed the success of this strategy as one of the first One Platform Concept machines with DuoFormer TQ technology, Tandem-NipcoFlex press and TopDuoRun dryer section.

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