



Little Rapids Corp. Completes \$40 Million Upgrade at its Shawano Paper Mill

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(Green Bay / Shawano, Wis.) – Little Rapids Corporation has completed its installation of a new state-of-the-art tissue machine at its paper mill in Shawano, Wisconsin. The new crescent forming tissue machine replaces an existing tissue machine and will significantly increase capacity and capability.

“We are very happy to be able to announce the successful completion of this project,” said Little Rapids CEO Kirk Ryan. “The installation was completed in just 30 days and the machine was making quality product within the first 12 hours after start-up.”

Little Rapids Corporation is a leading manufacturer and marketer of products for the healthcare, beauty, packaging, and specialty paper markets, with headquarters in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The family-owned business employs over 450 people at its facilities in Green Bay and Shawano.

Ryan says the new tissue machine has increased the mill’s tissue output by about 40 percent. The new machine also expands the mill’s range of capabilities for product weight, fiber content, and pastel and deep dye colors.

“This \$40 million investment demonstrates Little Rapids’ commitment to providing high quality solutions for our customers,” Ryan added. “This investment enhances the long-term viability of our Shawano Mill and provides stability for employment at this facility.”

Removal of the old machine and installation of the new machine began on September 11, 2017 and was completed on October 10, 2017.

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Little Rapids Corporation was founded by Charles Egan in 1947 and remains a family-owned business. The company’s core product lines serve the medical and beauty market segments, flexographic printing for a variety of packaging markets, and tissue, MG paper, and wet crepe paper for the specialty paper market. The company employs over 450 associates in its Green Bay and Shawano, Wisconsin locations. In addition, the company donates to the region via the Little Rapids Corporation - Egan Family Foundation, a private foundation established by the Egan family in 1986 with the mission to fund charities in communities where Little Rapids Corporation has facilities.

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