

Billerud to invest in Gruvön

Billerud has decided to invest SEK 176 million in the number 4 paper machine at the Gruvön mill. This investment is a combination of maintenance and quality and capacity upgrades and mainly comprises a new wet end and control system. The new installation will enable the machine to produce two-layer paper. Capacity will increase from the present 85,000 tonnes to over 100,000 tonnes.

As a result of this investment, the product programme on the machine will mainly focus on low-grammage white liner and high-quality kraft paper. Therefore, in the long term Gruvön will only produce white paper products. The rebuilding is planned to be completed by autumn 2002.

Billerud's production of unbleached kraft and sack paper will be concentrated to Skärblacka. This is entirely in line with the programme regarding synergy effects which was presented when Billerud was formed.

This investment is within the limits prescribed in the investment policy published earlier by Billerud – that annual investments should be on a par with depreciation.

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