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## **VPK and Klingele launch RCCM production at Blue Paper mill in France**

BRUSSELS, Jan. 9, 2014 (RISI) - VPK Packaging and Klingele Papierwerke have launched production on their 270,000 tonne/yr recycled containerboard PM at the Blue Paper mill in Strasbourg, France. VPK did not specify when exactly the machine was began operating, but said that the production "started according to plan in the fourth quarter 2013."

VPK's CEO Pierre Macharis said that the mill has already produced paper in the weight range of 80 to 130 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

"The actual production rate is 35 tonnes per hour, which will progressively improve. Some corrective actions are still being executed to improve the pulp and water circuits, as corrugating paper has a lower specific water consumption compared to LWC," Macharis told *RISI*.

The 8.5 m wide lightweight coated (LWC) paper machine, which was acquired from UPM in March 2013, was rebuilt by Metso. The revamp project included the installation of a new sizer and a new after dryer section as well as some new parts on the unit's head box and the former.

The PM can produce brown testliner and recycled fluting in a basis weight range of 70-130 g/m<sup>2</sup>. Its speed will be in the range of 700-1,200 m/min.

Most of the mill's output is expected to be consumed by converting plants belonging to VPK or Klingele.

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