



Little Rapids Corporation Announces Major Upgrade

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(Green Bay / Shawano, Wis.) – Little Rapids Corporation will invest \$40 million to install state-of-the-art tissue making technology at its Shawano Paper Mill in Shawano, Wisconsin. The new crescent forming tissue machine will replace the existing tissue machine and significantly increase capacity.

“At a time when there is little good news coming out of the paper industry, we are very happy to be able to announce this project,” said Little Rapids CEO Kirk Ryan. “This is a very positive, strategic expansion of capacity as we look to the future.”

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 has facilities in Green Bay and Shawano.

Ryan says the project will increase the mill’s tissue output by about 40 percent, enhance quality and expand the mill’s range of capabilities for product weight, fiber content, and pastel and deep dye colors.

“This investment demonstrates Little Rapids’ commitment to providing high quality solutions for the medical, beauty, personal care and party goods markets,” Ryan added. “This will also enhance the long-term viability of our Shawano Mill and provide stability for employment at this facility.”

Project construction will begin this summer, with completion expected in fall 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. With headquarters and manufacturing facilities in Green Bay, the company, which employs 435, also has a paper manufacturing facility in Shawano, Wisconsin. 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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