

PRESS RELEASE

SPRINGER wins major order in New Zealand

Pan Pac and SPRINGER continue long-standing partnership with new, earthquake-proof, heavy-duty, sawmill feed system

(Friesach/Austria, 22.02.2021) – The SPRINGER Group has landed a major new order in New Zealand. Pan Pac is owned by the Japanese OJI Group and is New Zealand's leading specialist in sustainable radiata pine products. The company has now picked SPRINGER's cutting-edge technologies and innovative solutions once again. Together with local partners like Lakeland Steel Limited and Design Manufacture & Installation in Rotorua, the Austrian, family-run company will be the main contractor for the new, earthquake-proof, heavy-duty sawmill feed system at Pan Pac's Whirinaki (Hawke's Bay) site. The investment totals around NZD 13 million (approx. EUR 7.8 million).

"The investment in the replacement of the sawmill feed system, which was originally installed in the early 1980s, underscores the continued commitment by OJI Holding, Pan Pac's shareholder. These types of strategic investments have helped turn Pan Pac into New Zealand's biggest exporter of high-quality premium appearance lumber throughout Asia", explains Pan Pac managing director Tony Clifford. The order was issued following several years of in-depth project work geared to the customer's highly specific requirements. However, SPRINGER had already started to help Pan Pac develop the new heavy-duty sawmill feed system back in 2017.

"Over the past few years, the SPRINGER Group has established itself as the world's leading supplier of innovative solutions for the wood industry. The order again proves that SPRINGER is a reliable, quality-driven partner when it comes to technologically demanding projects. We're delighted that this project allows us to continue the long-standing collaboration between Pan Pac and SPRINGER," comments Timo Springer, Springer Maschinenfabrik GmbH's CEO.

"Its expertise, position as industry frontrunner and competitiveness were key reasons why we picked SPRINGER. Pan Pac has always harnessed international technologies

to improve processes and our first-class product range's lumber quality for our customers worldwide," explains Michael Reaburn, Pan Pac's general manager of lumber.

In order to minimise downtime, system integration, commissioning and project hand-over are scheduled during a planned shut-down of the plant at the end of 2022.

Facts and figures about the project:

- System capacity: 15 cycles/minute, unsorted mixed operation, length of the log 3.4 - 6 metres, LED 0,9 metres and max. log envelopes of up to 1.1 metres.
- Annual log feeding capacity 950,000 tonnes/1,100.00 m³ p.a.
- Radiata pine logs supplied by the company's own forestry enterprise and from its own forests
- Heavy-duty sawmill feed system with 2 parallel double-feed decks (deep pile 2.5 m)
- Consecutively alternating log feed from the two 2-stage feed decks to ensure seamless feed to the saw line according to the production specifications, as well as symmetrical utilisation of the sorting systems.
- LOGEYE 301 with WinLOG recording at the saw infeed, sorting, production data capture/logging/statistical analyses etc.
- The new generation of screw conveyor technology as a heavy-duty version.
- Smart sensor technology: continuous fill level scanning of the feed decks as well as constant log position detection in the whole separation and infeed area.
- Earthquake-proof design of all the system and control technology
- Modular system and control concept guarantees uninterrupted assembly and partial/pre-commissioning without additional downtime.

About Pan Pac

Pan Pac is New Zealand's leading specialist in sustainable, high-quality appearance, radiata pine (Monterey pine) products and the biggest exporter in Asia. The company is headquartered in the Hawke's Bay region and has its own forestry enterprise with approx. 33,000 hectares of pine plantations. It has more than 400 full-time employees and belongs to the Japanese OJI Group, a leading pulp and paper producer worldwide. For further info visit: panpac.co.nz

About SPRINGER

SPRINGER is the number 1 in innovative solutions for the wood industry worldwide.

SPRINGER is a family-run company headquartered in Friesach (Austria) that plans, develops and produces machines and high-tech digital solutions for the wood-processing industry. All wood conveying, sorting, grading and automation processes are state of the art. The SPRINGER Group employs more than 700 people worldwide.

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