

## Press Release

### The new converting plant of Swedish Tissue (the Swedish Sofidel subsidiary) in Kisa (SE) is fully operational

**Today the plant is the most automated production site of the Sofidel Group. The innovative solutions integrated into production process have allowed the company to save approximately 40% of space**

Sofidel is pleased to announce that the upgrading works at Swedish Tissue site in Kisa have been concluded. The new and innovative converting plant is now fully operational with two active production lines: the first line is focused on toilet tissues, whilst the second line can produce both kitchen towels and toilet tissues. Works began in January 2014 and completed in June, when the initial tests were carried out.

This project was particularly challenging as its implementation involved the diversion of the Kisa river by approximately 300 meters.

The plant is also distinguished for the extremely innovative choices made in terms of automation of the production process. By adapting techniques that have as yet been mainly used in the food & beverage sector, Sofidel developed an automatic reel conveying system process for the first time in its history, which transfers them between the paper mill and the converting plant, and the fully automated control system of the finished product: from the line ends to the loading bays via the warehouse. This choice has saved approximately 40% of the space.

As for production, the plant produces Private Label products intended for the Nordic markets, in particular: Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway.

Currently, the investment has required the recruitment of 25 new resources.

With over 100 years since its establishment, Swedish Tissue represents a historical paper production site. The construction of the new converting plant is a significant indication of how important this production company is for Sofidel and demonstrates the company's desire to strengthen its position in the Nordic countries.

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#### **About Sofidel**

The Sofidel Group is a world leader in the manufacture of paper for hygienic and domestic use. Founded in 1966, the Group has subsidiaries in 13 countries – Italy, Spain, Sweden, the UK, Belgium, France, Croatia, Germany, Poland, Romania, Greece, Turkey and the USA – with more than 5,200 employees. With a consolidated turnover of 1,771 million Euros (2014), Sofidel is the second ranking group in Europe in terms of production capacity in the tissue sector (1,050,000 tonnes per annum). "Regina", its most well-known brand, is present in all target markets. Other brands include: Softis, Le Trèfle, Sopalin, Nouvelle, Thirst Pockets, KittenSoft, Nalys, Cosynel, Yumy, Soft & Easy, Volare, Onda, Lycke, Nicky, Papernet, Heavenly Soft and Confidence. Sofidel is the first company in the tissue sector to become a member of the WWF Climate Savers international programme.

**Swedish Tissue AB** is a tissue company located in the Municipality of Kinda in Östergötland County, Sweden. Today, the company has a fully integrated tissue process that consists of the production of both parent reels and finished consumer products. There is a long history of paper-making on the site in Kisa, dating way back to the 19th century when production of hand paper began in 1868.

Since 2010 the company has formed part of the Italian group Sofidel. Swedish Tissue employs 165 people, has a turnover of Euro 82 million (31 December 2014) and has an annual production capacity of 56,000 tons (31 December 2014).