

Toscotec to supply PM2 tissue line for GrandBay Group in Mexico

A new AHEAD 2.2 tissue machine for the Blue Tissue plant

Lucca, Italy – Toscotec is proud to announce its latest turnkey project for the GrandBay Group, a new **PM2** tissue line. The company will supply **an AHEAD 2.2 tissue machine** for the Blue Tissue paper mill in Apizaco, Mexico, with a start-up planned in the first semester of 2027.

This repeat order marks the **third major installation** in only five years, underscoring the synergy between the two companies: the new line in Mexico follows the successful delivery of advanced tissue plants for GrandBay Group subsidiaries Papelera Internacional (Guatemala) and Papeles Nacionales (Colombia), highlighting Toscotec's role as the primary technology partner for tissue production in the LatAm region.

The new AHEAD 2.2 machine has a sheet width of 2,750 mm and a production capacity of up to **30,000 tons/Year**. By significantly optimizing the consumption of water, fibers, and energy, the project balances efficiency with **environmental responsibility**. Engineered for high-speed production of premium toilet tissue and kitchen towel paper, the new line is a cornerstone of GrandBay Group's expansion strategy in Latin America.

The Project

The scope of supply features a **complete turnkey plant**. It includes the **stock preparation system**, which is designed to achieve the premium quality of the final tissue product. The machine includes **TT NextPress shoe press technology** combined with **TT SYD Steel Yankee Dryer** and high-efficiency **TT Hoods**: this configuration maximizes dewatering efficiency, reaching higher post-press dryness while simultaneously preserving paper bulk. It also comes with Toscotec's upgraded **Distributed Control System TT Brain DCS**, as well as a **full electrification system**. To complete the scope of supply, the erection and service package are also included.

This latest order from GrandBay Group further strengthens Toscotec's status as the leading technology provider in the region.

“With **four tissue machines** sold in Mexico in just five years, the company is now a leader in the region. This **third collaboration** with GrandBay Group reinforces our position as the partner of choice for high-performance tissue production in Latin America, and we are happy to deliver a solution that maximises **production speed** and sustainability, ensuring Blue Tissue remains at the forefront of the market”, states Gabriele Romanini, Sales Manager at Toscotec.

About GrandBay Group

GrandBay Paper and Care Products is a Latin American company dedicated to the manufacturing, conversion and sale of personal and home care products and solutions with the highest quality standards in the markets in which it participates. GrandBay has presence in Central America, the Caribbean, Colombia and Venezuela, among others. Regionally, in its area of action, it has been consolidating itself as one of the leading groups in the tissue paper market, providing innovation and differentiation.

About Toscotec

Founded in 1948, Toscotec specializes in the design and manufacture of turnkey projects, complete machines, rebuilds and stand-alone systems for the Tissue, Paper and Board, and Nonwovens industries. Headquartered in Lucca, Italy, with subsidiaries and service centers in China and North America, Toscotec offers cutting-edge technology and customized solutions to paper producers around the world. Its technology is designed to achieve high production efficiency, low energy consumption, and the highest product value. Since April 2020, Toscotec has been part of the Voith Group.