

Paperchine Creates New Winder Division

ROCKTON – Close on the heels of its purchase of the assets of Wespatt, Inc., Paperchine, Inc. has created a new winder division located in Chicopee, Massachusetts, to service the needs of papermaking customers worldwide.

The new division, established July 16, 2007, is overseen by Paperchine Vice President of Engineering, Jim Ewald, and currently is staffed with seven engineers with extensive winder and finishing experience on paper machines throughout the world. Offerings by this group include conducting onsite audits to determine rebuild needs, engineering and design expertise, start up coverage and supplying aftermarket parts for current winders to improve overall efficiency and operation.

With the acquisition of Wespatt's assets a few weeks ago, it's anticipated that Paperchine's employment nationwide will increase to over 120. According to Paperchine, Inc. President Laurie Wicks, "The ability to provide customers with true wet to dry end engineering and service coverage for their machines, is a goal we've had since we started our company. We're proud to say we've reached a point now, where this goal has become a reality."

Paperchine opened in March, 2000, after Harnischfeger, the parent company of Beloit Corporation, declared bankruptcy. The company performs rebuilds and service of paper machines worldwide.