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New-Indy Catawba Unveils New Steam Stripper and Media Toolkit Innovative system makes the mill one of the most efficient and environmentally friendly in the industry

CATAWBA, South Carolina - New-Indy Catawba is proud to announce the completion of a new steam stripper, an innovative system designed to enhance production efficiency and promote cleaner, more sustainable operations. Operational since April after more than two years after design and construction, New-Indy's \$30 million investment makes the mill one of the most efficient and environmentally responsible facilities in the pulp and paper industry.

The steam stripping system removes 98 percent of reduced sulfur compounds and 95 percent of methanol from pulp and paper byproducts and is engineered for reliability and high performance. The steam stripper also recycles the methanol as fuel to help power mill operations. This process significantly improves how adaptable the burning process is, increases storage availability and enhances sulfuremissions control.

The new steam stripper replaces an older model that will remain at the mill and function as a backup. New-Indy Catawba is the first U.S. pulp mill to have a backup steam stripper, which guarantees operational continuity and resilience.

During the paper-making process, wood chips are broken down using a high-temperature chemical solution. Water-containing chemicals are left behind. The steam stripper efficiently processes these byproducts, destroying or repurposing chemicals while minimizing their impact on the environment. By reusing hot water and recapturing methanol, the system reduces water and energy consumption and in effect, streamlines mill operations.

New-Indy Catawba invites you to explore the new steam stripper by utilizing the media toolkit below. The toolkit includes links to hi-resolution images, video clips, and an animation that explains how the steam stripper works.

<u>Video Link 1 (All-Purpose)</u> <u>Video Link 3 (Animation)</u> Video Link 2 (System Components)

Photo Link

About New-Indy Catawba LLC: The New-Indy Catawba mill site originally opened in 1959 and began operation as a New-Indy subsidiary in 2019. Located on the Catawba River, New-Indy Catawba is a world-class integrated virgin linerboard and market pulp manufacturing mill. New-Indy Catawba produces a lightweight linerboard used for the outer surfaces of corrugated packaging, and high-yield unbleached pulp for other paper applications.