

# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...

## ... FRANZ HARRER

Workplace: ANDRITZ Headquarters, Austria

Position: Director Steel Yankee and Technology Tissue

Franz Harrer is the director of the ANDRITZ Steel Yankee and Technology Tissue team. He joined ANDRITZ about 13 years ago as a design engineer for tissue and paper machines providing a product development focus early on. He played a major role in various machine rebuilds and experienced how tissue and paper machines with the first ANDRITZ steel Yankees were successfully put into operation.

A real highlight was seeing the tissue machine "armada" of the Hengan Group in China, for instance, which encompassed 13 ANDRITZ tissue machines, the majority of which operated with PrimeDry Steel Yankees.

Today, Franz heads the ANDRITZ tissue technology team and is in charge of product management. He works closely together with the ANDRITZ tissue pilot plant (*PrimeLineTIAC - Tissue Innovation and Application Center*; [andritz.com/tiac](http://andritz.com/tiac)) team and research institutions to exchange expertise and continuously improve the product range. "To stay competitive, you have to listen to your customers, and you have to proactively innovate and explore the limits," Franz explains.







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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF FRANZ HARRER, DIRECTOR STEEL YANKEE AND TECHNOLOGY TISSUE

### 07:00 // PERFORMANCE CHECK AT THE CUSTOMER'S SITE

Franz visits Zellstoff Pöls AG in Austria to check the performance of the largest steel Yankee for MG paper in operation worldwide. With a diameter of 24 ft and a shell length of more than 6 m, it is a real giant!



### 11:00 // BACK IN THE OFFICE

As Director of Steel Yankees and Technology Tissue, Franz coordinates product presentations, checks technical specifications for offers, and also checks technical reports for start-up documentation. He works closely with our customers, as well as with our R&D, engineering, and quality groups to continuously improve and further develop our products.



### 13:00 // QUALITY MANAGEMENT MEETING

Franz meets with Yassar Ghanimi, Head of R&D Services, Quality Management and Safety, and Riccardo Pierini, Steel Yankee Product and Customer Care Manager, to discuss the results of the steel Yankee performance check at Zellstoff Pöls.



### 15:00 // AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

ANDRITZ has various cooperation partnerships with research institutions to advance R&D activities. With his colleague, Paul Richards, Senior Technology Manager, Franz has a meeting at the University of Technology in Graz, Austria to discuss the latest results of a significant research project. The aim of this joint project is to improve the properties of paper using different tissue machine configurations with steel Yankees. With the university, they plan to develop new testing methods for tissue.



### 18:00 // AT HOME

Franz lives with his wife, Eva, in the center of Graz. They enjoy the evenings together chatting about the day's events, relaxing on the couch, or going for a short walk around the old town.



### READY TO RESCUE

In his leisure time, Franz is a voluntary firefighter in his home town close to Graz. It is a family tradition - his grandfather, father, and brother are also part of the team. They train regularly and do drills for emergency situations.



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