



PRESS RELEASE

## ANDRITZ opens the Food Innovation Xperience test center

*GRAZ, OCTOBER 17, 2023.* International technology group ANDRITZ has opened a leading-edge test and research center for the food and feed industry in Waddinxveen, The Netherlands. The Food Innovation Xperience center will be the development and technology hub where customers and ANDRITZ experts team up to turn visions into reality.

The test center is equipped with the latest milling, extraction, dewatering, and drying technologies from ANDRITZ, enabling customers to conduct feasibility studies, pilot plant tests for scale-up or R&D activities under food-grade or even ATEX conditions. Covering a total area of 850 m<sup>2</sup>, the center is available to customers in the food and feed industry as well as to research and development organizations.

Developing new, sustainable food ingredients and food manufacturing processes has become particularly important today as food and feed manufacturers must respond to the fast-changing market and consumer demands, governmental regulations and environmental requirements. *“In this context, it is essential to act quickly and scale-up new ideas, make existing production processes more efficient and reduce operations’ environmental impact, like freshwater consumption or CO<sub>2</sub> footprint,”* explains Marco Buis, Managing Director at ANDRITZ Gouda B.V. *“Our Food Innovation Xperience center offers customers the opportunity to determine the best possible manufacturing process for their need, building on latest technologies and line solutions as well as expert support from ANDRITZ.”*

In addition to the original test portfolio around drying and dewatering, the center offers various tests in the area of alternative proteins, traditional food and feed, as well as trend-setting extraction.

The Food Innovation Xperience center has been built next to the existing pilot and research facility at the ANDRITZ Waddinxveen site, where customers can perform tests for by-product processes and wastewater treatment.

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Inauguration of the new Food Innovation Xperience center at ANDRITZ Gouda B.V., The Netherlands. Ribbon-cutting ceremony with Joachim Schönbeck (ANDRITZ CEO, center), Olaf Müller (Senior Vice President, ANDRITZ Separation division) on the left, and Marco Buis (Managing Director of ANDRITZ Gouda) on the right.

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## **ANDRITZ GROUP**

International technology group ANDRITZ offers a broad portfolio of innovative plants, equipment, systems, services and digital solutions for a wide range of industries and end markets. Sustainability is an integral part of the company's business strategy and corporate culture. With its extensive portfolio of sustainable products and solutions, ANDRITZ aims to make the greatest possible contribution to a sustainable future and help its customers achieve their sustainability goals. ANDRITZ is a global market leader in all four of its business areas – Pulp & Paper, Metals, Hydro and Separation.

Technological leadership and global presence are cornerstones of the group's strategy, which is focused on long-term profitable growth. The publicly listed group has around 29,900 employees and over 280 locations in more than 40 countries.

## **ANDRITZ SEPARATION**

ANDRITZ Separation provides mechanical and thermal technologies as well as services and the related automation solutions for solid/liquid separation, serving the chemical, environmental, food, and the mining and minerals industries. The customized, innovative solutions focus on minimizing the use of resources and achieving highest process efficiency, thus making a substantial contribution towards sustainable environmental protection. In addition, the business area offers technologies and services for the production of animal feed and biomass pellets. Pumps for irrigation, water supply and flood control are also part of this business area's portfolio.