



## **MANTSINEN TO OPERATE WOOD YARD AT METSÄ GROUP'S BIOPRODUCT MILL IN ÄÄNEKOSKI**

*Metsä Fibre Oy, part of Metsä Group, and Mantsinen Group Ltd Oy logistics services have signed a contract on operating the wood yard of Metsä Group's bioproduct mill in Äänekoski. The contract covers unloading the wood flow transported by train or lorries either directly to the debarking feeding line or storage field. Mantsinen will start the operation in the summer of 2017. The bioproduct mill will consume more than 5.5 million cubic metres of roundwood annually; overall, the bioproduct mill will use 6.5 million cubic metres of wood annually and produce 1.3 million tonnes of pulp and other bioproducts.*

*Camilla Wikström, director of Metsä Group bioproduct mill, says that Mantsinen's service concept combines reliability, energy efficiency and the capacity for constant improvement. Mantsinen Group Ltd Oy's CEO Martti Toivanen is very pleased that the company will be a significant service provider of the world's first next-generation bioproduct mill.*

*"This speaks volumes of Mantsinen's seamless long-term development work of logistics services and material handling machinery, which generates superior added value for the client. We will provide the bioproduct mill with the latest technology largely based on electric power instead of the traditional combustion engine power sources. We will deliver to the mill three Mantsinen 120 electric machines and two robot locomotives powered with electricity. The bioproduct mill in Äänekoski will employ dozens of logistics professionals", Toivanen says.*

*In Finland, Mantsinen Logistics Services operates in Uimaharju, Imatra and Rauma. In addition, Mantsinen operates in several locations in Russia. Mantsinen Logistics Services handles approximately 26 million cubic metres of wood and 6 million tonnes of other materials annually.*

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*For further information on Metsä Group's bioproduct mill, see [www.biotuotetehdas.fi](http://www.biotuotetehdas.fi)*