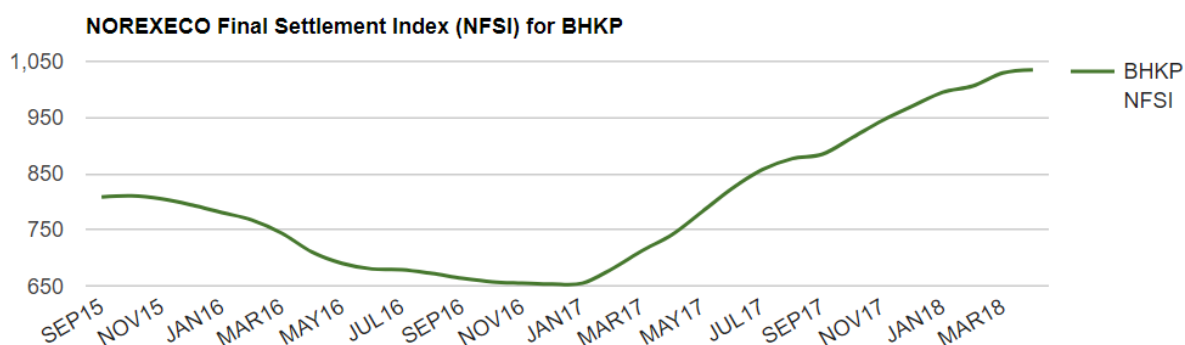
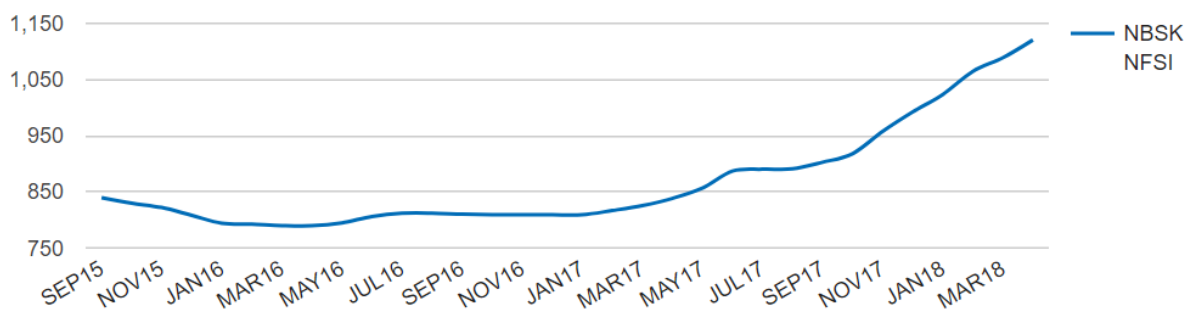




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## Metsä Pushes for Another NBSK Pulp Price Hike in Europe in May

NBSK pulp prices have been trending upwards since mid-2016 and have already surpassed their 2011 price peak. Metsä Fibre is going to increase the list price for **NBSK** to **1,200 \$/MT in May**.



## Prices for Uncoated Fine Papers go Up in the UK

Given limited supply and order backlogs, manufacturers of uncoated fine paper charged more for deliveries in April. Pulp prices are expected to continue their upward trend, according to market experts.

## Sappi Europe Announces Price Increase for its Dye Sublimation and Large Format Inkjet Papers

Due to continuing cost increases of pulp and other raw materials, Sappi is forced to increase its Dye Sublimation and Large Format Inkjet paper prices as from 1 May 2018.

## Canadian Producer Prices Rise on Energy, Paper

Canadian producer prices increased by 0.8% in March from February on higher prices of energy and petroleum products as well as paper and pulp, Statistics Canada said on Monday.

### Hardwood Pulp Manufacturers in Europe have the Highest Wood Fiber Costs in the World

The wood fiber costs for European hardwood pulp producers started to move upward in late 2017 after having trended downward for over six years, according to the Wood Resource Quarterly. Hardwood fiber supply in Sweden tightened in late 2017 because of an unusually wet and mild early winter season. The tight supply resulted in odd importations of Eucalyptus chips from both Brazil and Uruguay in late 2017 and early 2018 at prices reported to be that was substantially higher than those for domestically sourced wood fiber. The limited availability of logs resulted in higher prices for hardwood pulplogs during most of 2017 (after being at an 11-year low in the 4Q/16). Despite the recent price rise in the 4Q/17, birch pulplog costs were about 15% lower than their 10-year average (in US dollar terms).

Prices for softwood chips and pulplogs were also up in Sweden during 2017 because of an imbalance between domestic supply and demand. The higher domestic fiber prices resulted in an increase in importation of softwood chip to Sweden in 2017, which reached almost double the volume imported five years ago.

## Tissue Innovation

**Valmet IQ Fiber Sensor** is a non-nuclear fiber weight measurement that has been developed especially for tissue to provide accurate moisture and fiber measurement with high frequency across the sheet. It is one of the latest Valmet innovations to bring the latest advances in quality control.

### ANDRITZ Presents its Innovative Digitalization Solutions At the Hannover Fair

Metris is based on three pillars of technology: Smart Sensors, Big Data, and Augmented Reality. It can provide support for customers in achieving their production and business targets: increasing efficiency and profitability of plants, optimizing the use of resources, preventing production downtimes and obtaining maximum product quality.

## **BAP Announces Purchase Agreement with EcoPlanet Bamboo for Production of Bamboo Sanitary**

Utilizing AP&P technology, BAP will invest in the construction and operation of the **world's first bamboo bio-refinery and associated paper mill**, which is to be co-located in Nicaragua within proximity of the bamboo raw resource. This initial facility will have the capacity to process up to 250,000 metric tons of bamboo annually, into a range of 100% bamboo toilet, tissue and cleaning papers.

"The Bamboo Purchase Agreement with EcoPlanet, and the announcement of a \$60m Nicaraguan facility with BAP is just the first step of a multi-faceted strategic alliance aimed at turning the toilet paper industry from a negative global footprint into something positive" says Mark Nash, CEO of APP Machinery.



## **Northwood Hygiene Products Shuts its Meltham Mills Site**

The increased cost of raw materials was the main reason behind plans to close the site at Meltham Mills, which will affect 65 people on site.

## **Fear New US Anti-Dumping Duties could Price Catalyst Out of Business**

The union representing more than 300 Catalyst Port Alberni pulp mill workers is asking for the federal government to intervene in a trade war it says is threatening to close the mill and four others across Canada. In April, the U.S. Department of Commerce announced a new 22% anti-dumping



## New Developments

Some **pulp producers beat profit forecasts** on price hikes & cost control (i.e. Stora Enso, Suzano, Fibra)

**Kimberly-Clark** announces \$100m-plus **expansion** investment in its Mobile, Alabama Mill

**Essity restructures** in Spain

**Valmet** starts up 2 Advantage DCT 200 tissue **machines** at **Lee & Man's** Chongqing mill in China

**Voith** to build new XcellLine paper machine and BlueLine stock preparation for Grupo **Gondi**, Mexico

**Mondi invests** over €600m in a new plant in Bulgaria

**Kyiv CPM** signed a contract with **Andritz** for PM1 modernization, including a new shoe press and colander

3 companies to **pay fine** of \$4m for old Everett waterfront pollution: Weyerhaeuser, Jeld-Wen and Kimberly Clark

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