

## **Ground-breaking ceremony for the most modern newsprint machine in the world in Perlen (LU)**

**CHF 460 million for financing the investment all arranged – Forty new jobs –  
Production to start 1 October 2010**

**Perlen, 4 March 2009 – CPH Chemie + Papier Holding AG has launched by far the largest investment project in its history with today's ground-breaking ceremony for the new build of the world's most modern installation for the production of top grade newsprint in Perlen (LU) (SIX: CPHN). About CHF 460 million will be invested in the construction of the production building, the necessary expansion of the ancillary plant and in the 130 meter long paper machine. It is one of the biggest investment projects currently underway in Swiss industry. Approximately 60 percent of the costs will be financed from the company's own coffers while the remaining 40 percent will be covered by a syndicated loan, with UBS acting as lead bank. Forty new jobs will be created to handle the planned four-shift operation of the plant from the production start-up date of 1 October 2010.**

The new production plant replaces the machine commissioned in 1971 for the production of standard and enhanced newsprint. It has nearly triple the capacity of its predecessor and will set new standards in economic and ecological efficiency.

The current decline in demand for high quality newsprint is expected to give way as early as next year to a slight upturn, followed by average annual growth in demand of 0.6 percent over the next ten years. This, in turn, will have a positive effect on the efficiency and profitability of the new machine.

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