

deSter announces investment in Prachinburi, Thailand, manufacturing site



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[deSter](#) has announced a substantial investment in new production technologies, further enhancing its production capabilities in Asia.

As part of its ongoing investment program in manufacturing capabilities worldwide, and in line with its ESG initiative, deSter's site in Prachinburi will receive a multi-million investment in production equipment for Wet Molded Fiber (WMF) products. This investment will double deSter's production capacity for WMF to 250 million fiber trays and bowls per year, the company said in its July 25 press release.

In 2022, deSter initiated a pilot program for WMF production in Prachinburi. To meet the growing demand for fiber-based products from the travel and food service segments, deSter will now expand its in-house production capacity.

This investment will cover the installation of new forming lines, expanding the existing pulping capacity and selecting additional equipment next to a facility adjustment. For the production of WMF, deSter can convert multiple types of pulp, both bagasse (sugar cane pulp), wood fiber pulp (both bleached and unbleached) and rice straw. Depending on the material mix, the products could be used for cold use, microwaveable or ovenable applications.

According to deSter, wet-molded fiber products are key to reducing single-use plastics in the onboard₁

and food service markets and have become a core component of the company's product range. All deSter products are PFAS-free.

"This significant investment in expanding our wet molded production capacity represents another milestone for our company. This strategic move is not just about increasing our production capabilities; it is a forward-thinking step that aligns with our commitment to sustainability and innovation. This investment underscores our dedication to reducing environmental impact, promoting sustainable practices, and ensuring long-term value for our stakeholders. Together, we are building a more resilient and responsible future for our company and our community," said Stef Van de Perre, President and Managing Director of deSter.