References

Sustainable solution for a pulp & paper mill



Uponor involvement

- Weholite (PE), dimension DN/ID 1,500 mm
- Project management
- Fieldservices

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Weholite's ability to withstand external wear, such as friction against the seabed, was an important criterion when the outfall pipe of Stora Enso's pulp and paper mill in Nymölla, southern Sweden, had to be replaced.

Nymölla Bruk in Skane, Sweden, is a modern pulp and fine paper mill which is part of the Stora Enso Group's division called Stora Enso Paper. Nymölla Bruk manufactures uncoated fine paper: document paper and paper for envelopes and printing.

Project Facts:

Location	Completion
Nymölla, Sweden	2018
Building Type	Product systems
Industrial	Tailor made constructions
Project Type	
Renovation	

Partners

Stora Enso Nymölla Bruk

The old outfall pipe, which was installed in 1961, was made of wood. It had begun to break in some places and was springing leaks. The bands around the pipe had rusted and begun to crack after many years of friction against the seabed, and the related maintenance costs were increasing. As a result, Stora Enso decided to replace the outfall pipe. Stefan Johansson, a Construction Project Manager at Nymölla Bruk, contacted Uponor Infra during the marine installation of a stormwater pipe for the Glasbruket housing area in Limhamn. In the Limhamn project, no external concrete weights were used for sinking the pipes. A patented profile filling method was used instead.

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