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Metsä Board starts change negotiations on possible temporary layoffs at Joutseno, Kaskinen BCTMP mills in Finland

By Eva Nyman - Friday 06 November

Metsä Board, which is part of Metsä Group, will carry out change negotiations concerning possible temporary layoffs at its Joutseno and Kaskinen mills in Finland, the company said on Wednesday November 4.

"The change negotiations are intended to prepare for a possible temporary adjustment of production to match demand," Metsä Board said.

The possible temporary layoffs could last for more than 90 days and could be implemented in several periods during 2027, the company said. Their allocation, extent and timing would be specified next year.

The negotiations will cover approximately 120 employees in total, and Metsä Board said it expected them to last three weeks.

The Joutseno and Kaskinen mills produce bleached chemi-thermomechanical pulp (BCTMP). The Joutseno mill, located in the southeast of the country, has a capacity of some 360,000 tonnes per year (tpy) while the Kaskinen mill, located on the west coast, can make some 390,000 tpy.

Metsä Board can use the BCTMP produced at the mills at its paperboard mills.

Metsä Fibre, which is also part of Metsä Group, operates a northern bleached softwood kraft (NBSK) pulp mill in Joutseno as well. This mill, which has a capacity of some 690,000 tpy, has been down since late March this year with no restart date announced.

Metsä Fibre has carried out change negotiations at that mill as well this autumn and decided that temporary layoffs may be implemented for an undetermined period starting in November.

Flint Group to lift packaging inks, coatings prices in Europe as of January 1, 2027

By Andrea Venturini - Thursday 05 November

Flint Group Packaging Solutions plans to increase prices across its packaging inks and coatings portfolio in Europe as of January 1, 2027, the company said on Wednesday November 4.

The company said the price hike is needed to offset sustained cost pressures affecting raw materials, energy and freight.

"Energy and freight costs remain high," Flint said in a statement. "Pigment costs have increased significantly due to capacity shortages for raw materials in Asia, particularly India and China. High natural gas prices are also driving up the cost of carbon black. Together, these pressures have increased the cost of manufacturing and supplying inks and coatings."

The company said it continues to implement internal efficiency initiatives and assess opportunities to mitigate cost and risk for customers. "However, the scale and persistence of supply-side cost pressures make price increases necessary to maintain the product quality, service and supply reliability customers expect," it said.

UK P&B production falls by 1.4% in January-August

By Sharon Levrez - Wednesday 04 November

UK production of paper and board (P&B) fell by 1.45% year on year to 2.11 million tonnes in January-August 2026, according to the latest figures from the Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI).

Production of corrugated case material was broadly stable over January-August, slipping by 0.2% year on year to 934,973 tonnes. Parent reel tissue production increased by 0.92% to 472,214 tonnes, while production of other papers and boards fell by 4.55% to 701,022 tonnes.

Apparent consumption of P&B declined by 1.3% year on year to 4.39 million tonnes in the first eight months. The August figure was particularly weak, falling by 8.2% year on year to 486,248 tonnes.

Imports declined slightly over the January-August period, while exports were marginally higher. Imports totaled 2.77 million tonnes, down by 0.7% year on year, while exports rose by 1.03% to 490,470 tonnes. In August alone, imports fell by 4.9% year on year and exports by 5.9%.

UK P&B apparent consumption Jan - Aug 26

	Production	
	Jan-Aug 26	% change y-o-y
Corrugated case material	934,973	-0.20
Parent reels of tissue	472,214	0.92
Other papers and boards	701,022	-4.55
Total P&B		
2,108,209	-1.45	2,769,125	-0.70	490,470	1.03

Source: CPI

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Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	980 - 1220	0 (0.00%)	Oct 2026	980 - 1220
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	980 - 1210	0 (0.00%)	Oct 2026	980 - 1210
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	740 - 765	32.5 (4.51%)	Oct 2026	740 - 765
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	720 - 760	32.5 (4.59%)	Oct 2026	720 - 760

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	980 - 1210	0 (0.00%)	Oct 2026	980 - 1210
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Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	970 - 1220	0 (0.00%)	Oct 2026	970 - 1220
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	735 - 750	35 (4.95%)	Oct 2026	735 - 750

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	980 - 1220	0 (0.00%)	Oct 2026	980 - 1220
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	740 - 765	32.5 (4.51%)	Oct 2026	740 - 765

Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	980 - 1220	0 (0.00%)	Oct 2026	980 - 1220
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Oct 2026	720 - 760	35 (4.96%)	Oct 2026	720 - 760

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Nov 2026	990 - 1175	0 (0.00%)	Nov 2026	990 - 1175

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Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Nov 2026	1189 - 1411	**29.5 (2.32%)**	Nov 2026	1189 - 1411
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Nov 2026	745 - 795	**30 (4.05%)**	Nov 2026	745 - 795
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Nov 2026	895 - 955	**56.5 (6.51%)**	Nov 2026	895 - 955

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