



Swedish pulp producer Waggeryd Cell appoints Julia Törnberg as Managing Director – reports all-time high production record in 2018

In early May, Julia Törnberg took over as Managing Director at the Swedish BCTMP pulp producer Waggeryd Cell, owned by ATA Timber, a leading Swedish forest industry company. In 2018, Waggeryd Cell reached a new annual production record, confirming the pulp mill's position as one of the world's most efficient pulp producers.

Julia Törnberg succeeds Ulf Karlsson who, after more than 20 years as Managing Director at Waggeryd Cell, steps down his involvement in daily operations, staying on as Senior Advisor. Julia Törnberg has worked at the company since 2008, starting as Environmental Coordinator and latest as COO. Waggeryd Cell has a net turnover of approx. SEK 800 million, with 45 employees, producing 3,900 tonnes per employee annually.

- Ulf Karlsson, has during his time as Managing Director at Waggeryd Cell, created a world-class pulp mill. Ulf is impressively professional; we have great admiration for Ulf's knowledge and commitment and are grateful for his hard work. We welcome Julia Törnberg as Managing Director and look forward to continuing the mill's positive expansion, says Tage Andersson, Founder and President of ATA Timber.
- It is with great pleasure I take on the role as Managing Director at Waggeryd Cell. The substantial investments over the years has advanced business operations significantly. Today, Waggeryd Cell is one of the most proficient BCTMP mills in the industry, with a well-defined environmental and sustainability profile, says Julia Törnberg, newly appointed Managing Director at Waggeryd Cell.

Originally, Waggeryd Cell was built for a capacity of 60,000 tonnes annually. An extensive investment program, spanning the last two decades, gradually increased production to today's 175,000 tonnes. Recently, an application was submitted to increase production to 250,000 tonnes. An investment of SEK 70 million in a separate transformer station is expected to be completed by the summer of 2020.

- A dependable, long-term and financially committed owner provides advantages. Implementing a state-of-the-art manufacturing process, using the latest process technology, has resulted in vital product quality improvements. Trust and responsibility characterize the corporate culture as ATA Timber is an attentive owner with respect for the mill's management and organization, says Julia Törnberg.

Waggeryd Cell is specialized in manufacturing quality BCTMP pulp based on softwood sourced from some of the best managed forests in Sweden. The raw material consists of wood chips from sawmills in a limited geographical area, being particularly homogenous, assuring premier quality. The mill has been modernized and optimized to produce the highest quality BCTMP pulp which is exported to customers across the world.

- The wood chips principally come from our own sawmills within the ATA group making Waggeryd Cell largely self-sufficient in raw material. We strive to efficiently utilize all that the tree offers and doing so in a rational and sustainable way. The objective is to add value, both for local forest owners, and end consumers globally, says Tage Andersson, Founder and President of ATA Timber.

ATA Timber is a leading Swedish producer of sawn wood products and BCTMP pulp, operating one of Sweden's largest privately-owned sawmill and pulp industries. The group consists of eight companies, covering four business areas: processing of sawn timber, production of BCTMP pulp as well as raw material purchasing and forestry services. Founded in 1945, ATA Timber is still a family owned business.

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