

expenditures of currency, a strained situation in the collective, rescheduling of delivery dates and much else. As a matter of fact, in complexity of design, tooling-up and technology of manufacture, a drying cylinder is much simpler than such articles as a headbox, a granite press-couch with adjustable deflection and some other rollers.

We are left with the question: what must mills equipped with 8-metre machines expect when these giants "demand" spare parts? Most likely, vast outlays of currency, commensurate with the value of the paper being produced on them.

The practice of developing and reequipping the pulp paper industry through imports of increasingly wide trim and more diversely designed papermaking machines will inevitably lead to an undermining of the sector's economy and an increasing reorientation of pulp and paper machine building to production of output that is alien to it?.

Could it be that it is still not too late to cease importing 8-metre machines, until such time as this becomes the standard dimension in domestic machine building for our industry?

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