**Sheet Former Operation Instructions**

**\*NOTE\* Take caution in handling the forming wire, it is delicate**

1 – Prepare slurry according to your specifications

2 – Remove the foil covering the top of the deckle

3 – Unlock and open the deckle, carefully put the forming wire on the baffle rest

4 – Close the deckle and lock the latch, make sure the valves are closed

5 – Fill the deckle with water until the level inside is above the forming wire

6 – Pour the slurry into the sheet former. If the level is below the fill line, add more water

7 – Stir the slurry by hand with the stirrer until you feel it is sufficiently mixed

8 – Wait a few minutes to allow the slurry to settle some

9 – Open the valve to allow the slurry to pass through the forming wire to create your sheet

10 – Rinse the outlet to the drain with water to help dilute the acidic slurry solution

11 – Open the deckle and carefully remove the sheet from the forming wire to not damage it

12 – Transfer the sheet to the Teflon side of the couch plate, put the sheet between the two plates if

 you would like to press the sheet with the roller

13 – Rinse the sheet former with water without the forming wire inside it

14 – Carefully rinse the forming wire

15 – Clean the equipment; try to wipe off as much water as possible from the cart surface

16 – Replace the foil covering the top of the deckle to prevent contamination from entering the sheet

former

17 – Place the sheet in an oven to dry