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International Paper celebrates Svetogorsk pulp and paper mill’s 130th anniversary

Svetogorsk – September 15, 2017 – International Paper celebrates 130th anniversary of the Svetogorsk pulp and paper mill. The mill is one of the oldest functioning enterprises in Russia, but thanks to International Paper’s multimillion investment program, the mill also operates with state of the art technology and most modern equipment in the country. The mill has been continuously improving its operational efficiency, cutting energy consumption and waste generation, and improving environmental protection.

130-year history


Taking care of employees

About 1,600 employees work at the Svetogorsk enterprise every day. Since safety is a high priority at International Paper, in 2010, the corporation and its Svetogorsk enterprise launched The LIFE program that aims to fully eliminate life-changing injuries. In August Svetogorsk mill employees have completed 3.7 million working hours without injuries.

International Paper Russia pays special attention to the development of social infrastructure. Over $9.5 million has been spent on social projects in Svetogorsk in the past 10 years. In 2015, the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia recognized the company’s efforts with a corporate social responsibility award.
The Year of Ecology

Over the years International Paper has executed a number of fundamental projects in order to improve environmental situation. Among such projects are installation of an electric filter that allowed the company to improve the quality of air in Svetogorsk and completion of construction of a landfill facility for solid industrial waste from the mill and household waste from Svetogorsk built to benefit local community.

As 2017 is the Year of Ecology in Russia, the mill decided to support this initiative by developing two ecological projects. Implementation of these projects will be over before the end of the year. In 2017, Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resource acknowledged International Paper for its environmental equipment modernization initiatives that allowed the company to improve its environmental impact.

Keith Townsend, President of International Paper Russia, commented:

“It's an honor to be able to celebrate such a significant anniversary at Svetogorsk. The mill is a symbol that embraces the past but more importantly is fit for the future thanks to the significant modernization investments, hardworking people of International Paper and support of the local community. Svetogorsk is a jewel in the global International Paper portfolio and is helping us to be among the most successful, sustainable and responsible companies in the world”.

International Paper also owns 50% of shares of Ilim Group – one of the largest producers of pulp and paper in Russia – and has business units in Moscow and Saint Petersburg. In addition, since 2011, Tikhvin Forestry Complex has been a part of International Paper Russia.

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About International Paper

International Paper (NYSE: IP) is a leading global producer of renewable fiber-based packaging, pulp and paper products with manufacturing operations in North America, Latin America, Europe, North Africa, Asia and Russia. We produce packaging products that protect and promote goods, and enable world-wide commerce; pulp for diapers, tissue and other personal hygiene products that promote health and wellness; papers that facilitate education and communication; paper bags, cups and food containers that provide convenience and portability. We are headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., and employ approximately 55,000 colleagues located in more than 24 countries. Net sales for 2016 were $21 billion. For more information about International Paper, our products and global citizenship efforts, please visit internationalpaper.com.

About International Paper Russia

International Paper started its operations in Russia in 1998. The company focuses on the production and marketing of office and offset papers, liquid packaging board and bleached chemical thermo-mechanical pulp at its Svetogorsk, which in 2017 celebrates the 130th anniversary of its launch. The company’s Russian footprint also includes a 50:50 joint venture with the Ilim Group, the largest integrated paper and pulp manufacturer in Russia. International Paper’s most well-known brands in Russia are Ballet and SvetoCopy. International Paper is a responsible investor focused on sustainable forest management, as well as other environmental and social projects benefiting the Russian community.

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