Press release

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International Paper unites more than 120 employees at environmental forum in Svetogorsk

Svetogorsk, 9 November 2016 – International Paper held second environmental forum at its pulp and paper mill in Svetogorsk on October, 26. The forum focused on educating the participants in responsible attitude to environment and green principles both at home and work, as well as on presenting the latest environmental initiatives and projects of the company.

More than 120 people attended the event, among whom were the company’s employees, representatives of the Ilim Group, SCA company, contractors, as well as students and professors of the Svetogorsk Secondary School and Polytechnic College. During the event, some of the mill’s employees were awarded for their significant contribution to the implementation of environmental projects. Such projects include initiatives which helped to improve the quality of water used at the facility, as well as the quality of air in the town.

The event also saw a presentation of a selective paper collection project, designed by a student of the Svetogorsk Polytechnic College. The project was first presented in June at the environmental roundtable, organized by International Paper, and today the project implementation is already underway, supported by the local administration and municipal service. Currently, there are three paper collection points in the town. The organizers plan to develop the project further, as they believe that it will help to educate the community, change human behavior and protect environment in the town.

David Hunt, Executive Director of ZAO International Paper, said:
“The vision of International Paper is to be among the most successful, sustainable, and responsible companies in the world. Our mission is to improve people’s lives, the planet, and the company’s performance by transforming renewable resources into products people depend on every day.
“We believe that all global transformations begin with a contribution that comes from each one of us, and we hope that the environmental forum has helped us to inform, involve, and further engage our employees, local residents, and other guests into our environmental activities. Environmental responsibility is an integral value for us.”

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About International Paper

International Paper (NYSE: IP) is a global leader in packaging and paper with manufacturing operations in North America, Europe, Latin America, Russia, Asia and North Africa. Its businesses include industrial and consumer packaging along with uncoated papers and pulp. Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., the Company employs approximately 55,000 people and is strategically located in more than 24 countries serving customers worldwide. International Paper net sales for 2015 were $22 billion. For more information about International Paper, its products and global citizenship efforts, 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 with wholly owned manufacturing operations in Svetogorsk. 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.

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