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International Paper Russia invites the community of Svetogorsk and Vyborg to environmental dialog

Svetogorsk – September 11, 2017 – International Paper Russia invited the community of Svetogorsk and Vyborg to participate in a roundtable Improving the Planet, which took place on September 5 in Svetogorsk as a part of the Year of Ecology in Russia. The event was attended by local authorities, NGOs, media, residents and employees of the Svetogorsk mill.

During the event, Svetogorsk mill’s representatives presented implemented environmental projects by telling about water conservation projects (since 2010, the mill cut down the amount of fresh water consumed nearly by half), water purifying systems, as well as methods of control of air emissions levels and efficiency of gas-purifying systems (the mill has 20 systems of this kind). Company representatives also told about ongoing environmental projects to reduce emissions and noise levels. At the end of the roundtable, all guests participated in planting of a memorable tree alley.

On September 7 International Paper Russia took part in an annual Russian environmental initiative The Water of Russia for the third time. This initiative was carried out in addition to the environmental roundtable. Thus, company’s volunteers, participants of roundtable and the members of the Svetogorsk Youth Council participated in the initiative by cleaning up the beach territory of the lake in Losevo village. More than 1 ton of waste were collected during the cleanup event.

Minas Souris, the Executive Director of International Paper Russia, noted:

“We would like to thank all roundtable participants for a constructive and important dialog. This event together with our participation in The Water of Russia initiative is an immediate example of our commitment to improve our environmental footprint and promote the long-term sustainability of natural capital in interests of our communities”.

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About International Paper Russia

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