Press release

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International Paper Russia Celebrates Knowledge Day With Svetogorsk Residents

Svetogorsk – September 3, 2018 – International Paper Russia, a company with a production heart in Svetogorsk, the Leningrad Region, traditionally congratulates preschoolers and students on Knowledge Day – the first day of a new school year. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of operating in Russia the company has made a considerable donation to the young generation of Svetogorsk residents.

The Company has invested 60 million rubles to complete important reconstruction works at the school and kindergarten just in time for Knowledge Day. In particular, the Company carried out a complete reconstruction of the heating system at the Svetogorsk secondary school and at Kindergarten No. 2 and fully modernized the cold and hot water supply. International Paper started replacing engineering systems and equipment in these facilities in 2017 and has been steadily overseeing completion out the reconstruction during the summer holidays. As a result, these two institutions are now ready for a new school year and can provide the children with a safer, cleaner more comfortable atmosphere for studying.

Irina Ivanova, Principle of the Svetogorsk secondary school, commented:
“We would like to thank International Paper Russia for such valuable help! There is nothing more important than the health of our children and we are very pleased that the city's largest employer understands this and supports the city's educational institutions. We wish the company prosperity and success!”

Keith Townsend, President of IP Russia, commented:
“Education is a signature cause for International Paper all around the world and we are delighted to be able to give this gift to the children of Svetogorsk as we celebrate our 20th anniversary of operating in Russia. From all of us at International Paper we wish the parents and children a successful and happy new school year!”

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**About International Paper Russia**

In 2018, International Paper is celebrating 20 years of its operations in Russia. 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 mill. 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 SvetoCopy and Ballet. International Paper is a responsible investor aimed at sustainable forest management, as well as other environmental and social projects benefitting the Russian community.

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