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International Paper’s Sanitary Industrial Laboratory in Svetogorsk recognized as among Russia’s top-5 for precision

Svetogorsk – 13 February 2017 – International Paper’s Sanitary Industrial Laboratory was recognized as one of the top-5 in Russia that demonstrate the greatest precision in results during Inter-Laboratory Proficiency Testing.

This testing was carried out by ZAO ROSSA – an official laboratory testing provider – from November 2016 through February 2017. The research evaluated 427 Russian laboratories by analyzing water, soil, and wastewater in terms of 52 indicators.

David Hunt, Executive Director at ZAO International Paper, said:

“International Paper’s 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. The high ranking given by this leading independent analytical center is further testimony to the quality of our lab operations in Svetogorsk.”

The Sanitary Industrial Laboratory in Svetogorsk was launched in 1975. It is situated within Svetogorsk mill and comprises seven laboratories, as well as two fixed monitoring stations and a mobile laboratory enabling prompt and accurate control over air quality. The Laboratory is focused on the continuous improvement of qualitative and quantitative indicators regarding its monitoring. In particular, in 2015 it completed 14,232 analyses, up 14% from 2013. It employs 25 specialists.

International Paper’s Laboratory in Russia regularly participates in the Inter-Laboratory Proficiency Testing, which is essential for maintaining certification in line with local certification.

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About ZAO ROSSA
ZAO ROSSA was launched in 1993 to independently monitor the quality of drinking, natural and waste waters. Currently, ROSSA is the largest specialized world-class scientific and analytical center for quality control of water and other environmental sites in Russia. It is characterized by established high-quality traditions, advanced testing
methods, and strong production culture.

Inter-Laboratory Proficiency Testing (ILPT) involves organizing, performing, and evaluating the quality of tests carried out for the same sites and the same criteria or specifications in two or more testing laboratories. For additional information, please see: http://www.rossalab.ru

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