International Paper reviews LIFE safety month

Svetogorsk – 15 December 2016 – International Paper has held its regular LIFE Safety month in 24 countries. In November, International Paper, one of the largest global paper and packaging producers, held corporate events and carried out initiatives to raise safety awareness.

During the LIFE month, International Paper reviewed the performance of all its facilities from a workplace safety perspective. Over the last 12 months, there have been no work-related fatalities across the entire company and serious injuries continue to be reduced. Also, in the first 9 months of 2016 there were over 180 instances recorded where potential injuries were averted by preventive measures, hazard recognition before starting work, deliberate safety audits and other procedures. More than 6,000 employees have completed safety leadership training.

In Russia, the Svetogorsk mill also took part in November’s LIFE initiative. Its employees and volunteers completed a number of initiatives aimed at promoting safety as a core value in International Paper company. The company’s facilities in Russia held open discussions focused on safety and the importance of preventive measures, as well as training sessions. The Svetogorsk mill organized visits to partners’ and contractors’ production facilities and enterprises. Classes dedicated to safety measures on the road and during travel were held at schools in Svetogorsk and Tikhvin district. More than 250 students attended these classes. This year’s LIFE month concluded with a children’s art contest titled ‘Safety Begins with Me,’ which saw over 100 students from Svetogorsk, Tikhvin, Moscow, and St. Petersburg, present their entries.

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

“Safety is our core value at International Paper, and our common goal is to ensure that all our employees, partners, and contractors come home safe each and every day. I would like to thank all the company’s employees for their safety leadership. Continue to do the right things in the right way for the right reasons”.

The LIFE initiative is an effort to eliminate the serious life-changing injuries and fatalities that occur in our workplace. This is a global initiative, implemented at all IP enterprises since 2010.
The LIFE project has five major focus areas: Motorized Equipment, Machine Safeguarding, Driver Safety, Falls and Harmful Substances or Environments.

About the LIFE Program

The LIFE Project (Life-changing Injury and Fatality Elimination) was launched in 2010. It has five major focus areas – and a number of initiatives have been implemented across these areas:

- **Motorized Equipment.** Loaders, lift devices, bulldozers, heavy equipment at timber yards, passenger transport. Risk evaluation, pedestrian segregation, traffic separation in production areas, speed enforcement.

- **Machine Safeguarding.** Energy isolation procedures are implemented. All rotating parts of equipment and mechanisms should be shielded with physical barriers or electronic security systems.

- **Driver Safety.** Maintenance of roads and pavements, strict adherence to the traffic code, speed limits on the mill’s territory, use of seatbelts, “give pedestrians right of way at crosswalks”, “do not use mobile phones, hands free, or radio sets while driving.”

- **Falls.** Falling from heights causes severe injury – efforts to reduce the risk of falling include: 1. “Do not fall in winter”: using non-skid soles. 2. Fall protection at production facilities, fire-escapes, community stairs, and ladders. 3. Roof edge railings. 4. Safe maintenance (construction) scaffolds and service areas.

- **Harmful Substances or Environments.** Numerous chemical substances are used at the Svetogorsk mill that require risk evaluation and considered efforts to mitigate risks. Chemical safety certificates are checked. PPE is required when dealing with chemicals. This area also includes electrical safety issues.

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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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