Press release

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International Paper carries out environmental initiative in support of nationwide Water of Russia project

Svetogorsk, 23 September 2016 – International Paper has carried out an environmental clean-up event under the Clean Banks for our Rivers and Lakes campaign as part of the Water of Russia federal initiative. The event was supported by the local Svetogorsk authorities.

During the event held on 22 September volunteer participants cleaned the Vuoksa riverbanks and surrounding area. Over 7 tons of waste were collected. The event was attended by more than 60 people – Svetogorsk residents, company employees and volunteers, as well as students and professors of Svetogorsk Polytechnic College.

David Hunt, Executive Director of ZAO International Paper, said:
“We are happy to join this important federal initiative for the second year in a row, since keeping rivers and lakes banks clean is our responsibility to the future generations. I am grateful to the volunteers who supported this event!”

Since commencing operations in Russia, International Paper has continuously carried out environmental projects both at its mill’s territory and the city of Svetogorsk. The company has also initiated a number of educational and volunteer programs as part of its overall sustainability program which covers all areas of the company’s operations.

About Water of Russia campaign

The Water of Russia environmental initiative is aimed at cleaning the river and lake banks in 2016 is being carried out in more than 70 Russian regions under the framework of the Federal program aimed at development of water infrastructure in Russia in 2012-2020.

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About International Paper

International Paper (NYSE: IP) is a leading global producer of renewable fiber-based packaging, pulp and paper
products with manufacturing operations in North America, Latin America, Europe, North Africa, Asia and Russia. We produce packaging products that enable world-wide commerce; pulp for diapers, tissue and other personal hygiene products; papers that drive communication; paper bags that carry groceries; and paper cups and food containers that provide convenience. We are headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., and employ 53,000 colleagues located in more than 24 countries. Net sales for 2015 were $22 billion. For more information about International Paper, our products and global citizenship efforts, please 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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