Press release

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International Paper celebrates LIFE safety month

Svetogorsk – 12 December 2017 – International Paper highlights its commitment to safety by holding LIFE safety month every November. During this month, the company holds information sessions, as well as educational, cultural and sports events to promote safety culture and the corporate LIFE safety initiative among employees and partners in 24 countries of its operation. This year, the safety month’s motto was “Focus in on LIFE.”

As a part of the safety month, International Paper's Russian entity organized information sessions and sports events in Svetogorsk, Tikhvin, Moscow and Saint Petersburg. More than 2,000 employees and contractors who partnered with the company participated in the initiative. International Paper Russia's volunteers organized a series of safety events “Be visible on the road” with a giveaway of more than 400 safety reflectors among pedestrians. In Tikhvin, the General Administration for Traffic Safety co-organized the events, while in Svetogorsk municipality, the Veterans Council and the Youth Council supported the initiatives.

Safety awareness events were held not only for the employees and the company’s partners, but also for their families as well as the residents of Svetogorsk, where the company’s pulp and paper mill is located. Classes dedicated to safety measures took place at schools and a college for more than 600 students in Svetogorsk. The children also received reflective vests and safety reflectors. In addition, “Focus in on LIFE” art contest, titled after the safety month’s motto, was organized for the families of employees. The best contest entries will be used to illustrate gift calendars focused safety for 2018.

Keith Townsend, President of International Paper Russia, commented:

“Safety is our core value at International Paper. A strong safety culture requires everyone to have the courage to care for one another. This is something we put into practice every day across all of our facilities. LIFE month is just one example of the many ways we try to live this culture every day in our company”.

About the LIFE Program

International Paper launched the LIFE Program in 2010 as a measure to fully eliminate life-changing injuries. English acronym “LIFE” stands for Life-changing Injury and Fatality Elimination. In the course of this program, the company aims to secure safe working conditions for all employees. Five main focus areas of the LIFE program are “Machine safeguarding”, “Falls”, “Driver safety”, “Motorized equipment on the manufacturing site”, “Exposure to harmful substances or environments.”

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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 2016 were $21 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 that celebrates its 130th anniversary in 2017. 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. International Paper is a responsible investor with serious commitments to develop sustainable forestry, environmental and social projects which benefit the Russian community.

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