Press release

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International Paper Russia invests RUB 75 mln in 3-year social program

St Petersburg – 24 April 2017- International Paper Russia summarizes the results of its large-scale three-year social program. The program serves as a continuation of the company’s long-term social policy that has been ongoing since IP entered Russia in 1998.

Between 2014 and 2016, International Paper invested RUB 75 million in a number of social projects in Svetogorsk, where the company’s pulp and paper mill is celebrating its 130th anniversary this year.

In particular, repair works were carried out at the educational institutions of Svetogorsk. The Iziuminka kindergarten, which is attended by 260 children, was completely renovated. Two buildings at Svetogorsk Secondary School and Polytechnic College were repaired and refurbished. In 2016, the company held another Tree of Knowledge campaign, providing 1,000 packages of office paper to the town’s educational institutions. Paper remains an indispensable resource in education, as evidenced by the famous SvetoCopy brand, which is produced at the mill in Svetogorsk and has been present in our lives for more than 20 years.

International Paper has also provided comprehensive support to the social service center, Svetogorsk Council of Veterans and Svetogorsk Disabled Society, and Lesogorsk school. Furthermore, the company’s volunteers continue to improve the town’s recreational areas by planting trees and shrubs, in addition to providing help to children from disadvantaged families and children with disabilities.

The company’s social program is also being implemented in the Tikhvin District, where International Paper’s forest operations are concentrated. Here, projects in support of educational and cultural institutions have been implemented, as well as the provision of general support to the Forestry School.
Keith Townsend, President of International Paper in Russia, said:

"The mission of International Paper is to improve people’s lives, the planet, and the company’s performance by transforming renewable resources into products people depend on every day. Our large-scale social program in Russia is an example of this mission in action: we strive to improve the lives of our employees and local residents."

International Paper is a responsible employer, focused on the long-term presence in the Leningrad Region, including by the continuation of its social program.

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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 protect and promote goods, and enable world-wide commerce; pulp for diapers, tissue and other personal hygiene products that promote health and wellness; papers that facilitate education and communication; paper bags, cups and food containers that provide convenience and portability. We are headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., and employ approximately 55,000 colleagues located in more than 24 countries. Net sales for 2016 were $21 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 at its Svetogorsk, which in 2017 celebrates the 130th anniversary of its launch. 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 focused on sustainable forest management, as well as other environmental and social projects benefitting the Russian community.

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