Press release

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International Paper Russia Recognized as “The Best Enterprise of the Industry”

Saint Petersburg – April 25, 2018 – International Paper Russia was recognized with “The best enterprise of the industry” award at the final meeting of the Council for Production Sector of the Vyborg Municipal District. The Council pointed out International Paper Russia’s outstanding 2017 operational results in the wood processing industry of the Vyborg District as well as recognized its major contribution to the city of Svetogorsk made by implementing local social projects. The award ceremony took place in Vyborg.

Alexander Kurbanov, Chairman of the Council for Production Sector of the Vyborg Municipal District, commented:

“We appreciate the contribution that International Paper Russia makes to the development of the region. The company is one the largest taxpayers of the region that has an extensive social program, develops production and strengthens the Leningrad Region’s presence. We wish the company the best of luck in further development!”

Minas Souris, the Executive Director of the Svetogorsk mill, noted:

“The company established its presence in the Vyborg District in 1998. For all these 20 years we have been improving people’s lives, the planet and our company’s performance by transforming renewable resources into products people depend on every day. We continuously strive to achieve excellence in everything we do. We have highly capable and committed employees and they continue to improve our performance results every year. We would like to thank the Council for the recognition of our work.”

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 and Russia. We produce corrugated 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 and papers that facilitate education and communication. We are headquartered in Memphis, Tenn., and employ approximately 52,000 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**

In 2018, International Paper is celebrating 20 years of its operations in Russia. 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 mill. 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 SvetoCopy and Ballet. International Paper is a responsible investor aimed at sustainable forest management, as well as other environmental and social projects benefitting the Russian community.

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