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Domtar Inc. and STAPLES Business Depot Offer the First Certified Environmentally Responsible Papers to Canadian Consumers

Consumers can now do their share to help protect the environment

First FSC-certified papers available to mass market and supported by major environmental groups

Toronto, November 2, 2006 – Domtar Inc. and STAPLES Business Depot/Bureau en Gros announced today a new partnership that will provide Canadian consumers with the first complete line of high quality, environmentally responsible papers certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and supported by leading environmental groups. Consumers now have the power to make a difference for the environment by purchasing Domtar EarthChoice® papers at all 265 STAPLES office superstores across Canada.

“Domtar is pleased to offer the first complete line of high quality, socially and environmentally responsible papers that will enable Canadian consumers to make the right choice for the environment,” said Raymond Royer, President and CEO of Domtar Inc. “This is an important step in our quest to address consumer needs for products that come from well-managed forests and have the support of both Rainforest Alliance and WWF-Canada.”

Global paper consumption has more than tripled over the past 30 years and is expected to increase by another 50% by 2010.¹ Canadians will have consumed over 700,000 tonnes of copy paper this year.² Clearly, Canada is far from becoming a paperless society, hence the importance of developing paper products that come from well-managed forests.

¹ FSC Canada website: www.fscCanada.org

² InfoTrends website : <http://www.infotrends-rqi.com>

“STAPLES Canada is proud to offer consumers an ethical and environmentally responsible alternative when it comes to paper,” said Steve Matyas, President, STAPLES Business Depot. “Not only do we share with Domtar a strong commitment to sustainability but we also believe that offering competitively priced Domtar EarthChoice papers is an excellent business decision.”

Ethical consumption in Canada

The rise in demand for environmentally responsible papers over the past three years is a clear indication of the growing importance of ethical consumption in Canada. “WWF-Canada applauds Domtar for their vision and leadership in bringing to market the first FSC-certified papers for Canadian consumers,” affirmed Hadley Archer of WWF-Canada. “WWF-Canada is a long-time user of FSC-certified and post-consumer recycled waste papers, and we use Domtar EarthChoice papers for many of our printing needs. We encourage our supporters to consider using Domtar EarthChoice papers, which support responsible management of Canada’s forests.”

The Domtar EarthChoice line consists of six FSC-certified products that meet Canadian consumers’ most popular paper needs. From multipurpose paper for jam-free everyday documents to photo paper to capture their memories, consumers can now contribute to protecting the environment through a gesture as simple as paper selection.

“No other company moved so early across such a broad front,” said Antony Marcil, President and CEO of FSC Canada. “Market campaigners throughout North America hold Domtar as an example for other integrated forestry companies to emulate.”

While there is a wide range of forestry certifications in the marketplace, only the standards set by the Forest Stewardship Council, an independent international non-profit organization, are widely endorsed and supported by leading environmental groups. Attaining FSC certification is no easy task as 10 key criteria must be met, comprising such elements as environmental impact, indigenous people’s rights, community relations, monitoring and independent third party verification.

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PAPERS. DOMTAR MANAGES ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS 17 MILLION ACRES OF FORESTLAND IN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES, AND PRODUCES LUMBER AND OTHER WOOD PRODUCTS.

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www.domtarearthchoice.com

STAPLES BUSINESS DEPOT WAS FOUNDED IN TORONTO IN 1991. IT IS CANADA'S LARGEST SUPPLIER OF OFFICE SUPPLIES, BUSINESS MACHINES, OFFICE FURNITURE AND BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THE SMALL BUSINESS AND HOME OFFICE CUSTOMER. THE CHAIN OPERATES STORES IN ALL PROVINCES ACROSS CANADA UNDER THE BANNERS STAPLES BUSINESS DEPOT AND BUREAU EN GROS. THE COMPANY HAS OVER 13,000 EMPLOYEES SERVING CUSTOMERS THROUGH MORE THAN 265 OFFICE SUPERSTORES, CATALOGUE AND E-COMMERCE.

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STAPLES, INC. INVENTED THE OFFICE SUPERSTORE CONCEPT IN 1986 AND TODAY IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST OFFICE PRODUCTS COMPANY. WITH 69,000 TALENTED ASSOCIATES, THE COMPANY IS COMMITTED TO MAKING IT EASY TO BUY A WIDE RANGE OF OFFICE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING SUPPLIES, TECHNOLOGY, FURNITURE, AND BUSINESS SERVICES. WITH 2005 SALES OF \$16.1 BILLION, STAPLES SERVES CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES RANGING FROM HOME-BASED BUSINESSES TO FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES IN 21 COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, EUROPE AND ASIA. HEADQUARTERED OUTSIDE OF BOSTON, STAPLES OPERATES APPROXIMATELY 1,780 OFFICE SUPERSTORES AND ALSO SERVES ITS CUSTOMERS THROUGH MAIL ORDER CATALOG, E-COMMERCE AND CONTRACT BUSINESSES.

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www.fsccanada.org

FOUNDED IN 1967, WWF-CANADA HAS BECOME ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S LEADING CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS, ENJOYING THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF MORE THAN

60,000 CANADIANS. WWF-CANADA'S MISSION IS TO STOP THE DEGRADATION OF THE PLANET'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND TO BUILD A FUTURE IN WHICH HUMANS LIVE IN HARMONY WITH NATURE BY CONSERVING THE WORLD'S BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, ENSURING THE USE OF RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES IS SUSTAINABLE AND PROMOTING THE REDUCTION OF POLLUTION AND WASTEFUL CONSUMPTION.

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