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KAPSTONE CHARLESTON KRAFT ACHIEVES FSC CONTROLLED WOOD AND CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATIONS

North Charleston, S.C. – KapStone Charleston Kraft LLC, an unbleached Kraft paper and lumber producer recently third-party certified to the SFI[®] and the PEFC[™] standards, is proud to announce today that it has also achieved third-party certification to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standard.

“At KapStone Charleston Kraft, we have a strong commitment to sustainability, and so do our customers.” said Bruce Hoffman, Vice President and General Manager. “Achieving FSC certifications means that fiber used by our Charleston Kraft paper mill and Summerville Lumber Mill can be tracked in our supply chain from the forest through our finished products. Our customers can be assured that our products contain fiber that comes from responsibly managed forests and a tightly controlled wood procurement system. I am pleased that we are able to offer our customers multiple certifications to meet varying requirements around the world.”

Currently, 280 million acres of forestland worldwide are certified to FSC standards in over 80 countries. In North America alone, close to 90 million acres of forestland are certified to the FSC standards. FSC has a vision that the world’s forests will meet the social, ecological and economic rights and needs of the present generation without compromising those of future generations.

Included in KapStone’s FSC certifications are four chip mill sites located in Kinards, Elgin, Andrews, and Hampton, a lumber mill in Summerville, S.C., and a paper mill in North Charleston, S.C.

“Certification to the FSC standard means that we are able to meet the increasing market demand that our products come from responsibly managed forests.” said Terry Jenkins, Vice President, Global Sales and Marketing, Specialty Products.

About KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation

Headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation is a leading North American producer of unbleached Kraft paper products and linerboard. The Company is the parent company of KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation, which includes paper mills in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., and North Charleston, S.C., a lumber mill in Summerville, S.C., and five chip mills (includes one contract chip mill) in South Carolina. The business employs approximately 1,550 people.



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