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## **Our Commitment to the Environment, Employees and Communities** **KapStone® Paper & Packaging Corporation**

KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation is a manufacturer of high-quality kraft papers and paperboard, containerboard, corrugated packaging and lumber products. Our manufacturing facilities in North America include three pulp and paper mills, one recycled containerboard mill, one lumber mill and a coast-to-coast network of twenty-two converting plants. Our products include high-performance multiwall paper, bag and wrapping paper, containerboard, and specialty paper and paperboard grades along with value-added corrugated and solid-fiber containers.

Safety and environmental protection are prerequisites for employment at all our facilities. We are committed to meeting customer requirements, while operating within the regulations of all agencies with whom we work, and being mindful of societal expectations. We believe these are the right things to do.

### **Sustainability**

As one of the largest pulp and paper manufacturers in North America, we are serious about our dedication to the communities in which we operate and protection of the environment. Our efforts are in alignment with the American Forest and Paper Association's 2020 goals, which include:

- Ensuring employee safety
- Protecting the environment
- Responsibly sourcing raw materials
- Conserving energy
- Active recycling
- Supporting our communities

### **Health and Safety Commitment**

KapStone is committed to conducting business in a manner that protects the health and safety of our employees, suppliers and visitors. We seek continuous improvement in our established health and safety practices and performance.

Recognizing employees as our most valuable resource, we promote employee involvement, cooperation and accountability in identifying, mitigating and eliminating hazardous conditions, and at-risk behaviors. We ensure safe working conditions, equipment and work sites by following established procedures and/or mitigating or eliminating exposure to hazards.

### **Environmental Corporate Policy**

KapStone is committed to environmental performance, which meets or exceeds standards established by all relevant environmental rules and regulations. We strive to exceed the environmental improvement goals set forth by the American Forest and Paper Association. This is achieved by identifying, understanding and giving priority consideration to the environmental aspects and impacts of KapStone's activities, products and services while integrating continual environmental improvement and employee diligence into daily

operations. Most importantly, we want to be recognized as a good neighbor by the communities in which we operate.

### **Responsibly sourcing raw materials**

KapStone's sourcing policy is to promote the principles of Sustainable Forest Management including: practicing sustainable forestry, employing responsible practices, promoting forestry regeneration and productive capacity, protecting and maintaining long-term forest and soil productivity, protecting water resources, protecting special sites and biological diversity, complying with legal requirements, and continually improving forest practices. The company is committed to complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including social, health and safety laws.

Our company is committed to the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI) certified sourcing standards for all operations (mills and box plants). Currently, our eastern mill operations are triple chain-of-custody certified to SFI®, PEFC™ and FSC® standards.

### **Conserving energy**

Using year 2010 as the baseline, all of our mill sites have taken steps to reduce overall energy consumption with a goal of 10% reduction by the year 2020. Our mills are leaders in the paper industry in the generation of energy through renewable fuels, as well as steam production which is a direct result of the pulp and paper manufacturing process. The Longview mill leads the way with 80% of its energy usage generated from renewable resources.

### **Active recycling**

We recycle as much as is practical. Internal trim off our paper machines and winders, as well as clippings from our container and converting plants, are recycled directly back into the paper making process. Wood chips and wood waste unfit for pulping are used as fuel in our hog fuel boilers, as are OCC plant rejects and sludge from our wastewater treatment plant clarifiers. Byproducts from our kraft chemical recovery process are supplied to local cement manufacturing firms for use as kiln feed. Clean office waste is recycled through our OCC plant. We also recycle metals, printer cartridges and other appropriate materials. The result is less waste in the landfill and lower disposal costs.

In addition to sourcing from renewable fibers, our operations also utilize residual wood chips from sawmills as an additional fiber source to produce our paper and containerboard products. We also use sawdust, old corrugated containers (OCC) and double-lined kraft (DLK) clippings.

### **Community support**

Across sixteen states and numerous local communities, we support employee involvement in community organizations and place a strong emphasis on contributing positively to the communities of which we are a part. Our lives and families are rooted in the communities where we operate, so KapStone will support leadership and activities in all areas of sustainability.