

Press Release



WEST LINN PAPER OBTAINS FSC CERTIFICATION FOR ENTIRE NATURE PRODUCT LINE

West Linn, Oregon – **April 23, 2007** (Press Release) – West Linn Paper is pleased to announce that it has extended Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification to the entire Nature Web® and Nature Plus® post consumer waste (PCW), coated free-sheet paper grades. All Nature products with 10% to 30% PCW now use FSC-certified pulp that is tracked through the chain-of-custody process to ensure that the pulp is acquired from forests that are well-managed in accordance with the FSC's principles and criteria. All of West Linn Paper's Nature 10% - 30% PCW grades will now carry the FSC certification label.

"Over the past year, we have seen the interest in FSC certification, recycled content and sustainability practices grow across the industry and throughout mainstream media," states Penny Machinski, Environmental Engineer with West Linn Paper. "We have responded to this interest by extending our existing FSC program to include a broader range of products and to provide our customers with a greater choice when selecting environmentally responsible papers."

FSC is a nonprofit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets high standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial and economically responsible way. Landowners and companies that sell timber or forest products seek certification as a way to verify to consumers that they have practiced forestry consistent with FSC standards. Major international environmental and social organizations, such as the National Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy and The Sierra Club all support and encourage FSC certification.

About West Linn Paper Company

West Linn Paper Company is an independent manufacturer of coated free-sheet web paper and is the oldest active paper mill and the only coated free-sheet manufacturer in the western United States. The high-quality Sonoma® and Capistrano® brands are well-known and well-respected in the printing industry for their print quality and runnability. West Linn Paper's Nature Web® and Nature Plus® lines offers environmentally friendly, FSC-certified recycled papers with 10% to 30% PCW content. West Linn Paper Company products are sold throughout North America and are used for high-end advertising materials, direct mail, magazines, catalogs and book publishing.

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