

Press Release



WEST LINN PAPER OBTAINS FSC CERTIFICATION FOR 30% RECYCLED PAPER GRADES

West Linn, Oregon – **April 25, 2006** (Press Release) – West Linn Paper is pleased to announce that it has obtained Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification for its Nature Web and Nature Plus 30% post consumer waste (PCW), coated free-sheet paper grades. The Nature 30 products 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 30% Nature grades will now carry the FSC certification label.

"FSC certification is just one way that West Linn Paper continues to identify programs that demonstrate our commitment toward improving sustainability and environmentally responsible practices. We are excited to be able to offer high-quality, coated free-sheet paper with both high recycled content and FSC certification," states Penny Machinski, Environmental Engineer with West Linn Paper.

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

Headquartered in West Linn, Oregon, the West Linn Paper Company is an independent manufacturer of coated free-sheet web paper and is the oldest active paper mill and the largest 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® are environmentally-friendly recycled grades that offer 10% – 30% PCW content. West Linn Paper Company products are sold throughout North America and are used for high-end advertising materials, magazines, catalogs and book publishing. Sonoma, Capistrano, Nature Web and Nature Plus are registered trademarks of West Linn Paper Company

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