



West Linn Paper Releases First Sustainability Report

West Linn, Oregon – December 16, 2008 (Press Release) – West Linn Paper has announced the release of its first annual sustainability report. The report includes key measurements from 2005 to 2007 and projections for 2008 on sustainability issues such as: water and fuel consumption, energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and expanded forestry certification. West Linn Paper is committed to sustainability issues and feels that the transparent and voluntarily reporting of results supports consumer confidence in the company's sustainability commitment and establishes a baseline for future sustainability efforts.

"At West Linn Paper Company, we feel very strongly about our place in the community and about open communication with our neighbors, customers and employees," said Chief Operating Officer Brian Konen. "We are proud of our accomplishments and have made some significant improvements in mill operations and product certifications over the past several years. We will continue to focus on projects that will support our sustainability efforts and look to establish an ongoing record of our progress."

Some of the report highlights include the following achievements:

- Expanding availability and breadth of our FSC-certified product line and incorporating Controlled Wood Standards on all West Linn Paper products.
- Broadening the West Linn Paper line of recycled Nature® products which are available with up to 30 percent post-consumer waste and FSC certification.
- Decreasing water consumption at West Linn Paper by 9 percent since 2005.
- Reducing electricity consumption by 9 percent and natural gas consumption by 12 percent since 2005.
- Joining the Climate Registry as a founding member and committing to publicly report 2008 greenhouse gas emissions.
- Establishing a goal for West Linn Paper to reduce water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent by 2012.

To download a PDF of the entire Sustainability Report, please visit our web site at:
www.westlinnpaper.com/sustainability.

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. The Sonoma FSC-certified paper line offers the same versatility of our standard Sonoma line with the added benefit of forestry certification. In addition, West Linn Paper's Nature Web® and Nature Plus® lines deliver environmentally sustainable, 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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