

Press Release



WEST LINN PAPER COMPANY UNDERTAKES \$5 MILLION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

West Linn, Oregon – **December 9, 2005** (Press Release) – The West Linn Paper Company today announced that it is undertaking a \$5 million capital improvement project for its Paper Machine #1 (PM 1). The company has committed to install a new pre-coater that will help improve overall roll surface quality as well as improve machine efficiency.

“In today’s competitive market, it is imperative that we continue to improve energy efficiency and production levels while improving the quality of our product. We believe that investing in a new *pre-coater* for PM 1 will deliver all of these things,” says mill manager, Brian Konen. “Not only can we create a smoother, more even sheet that will produce a better finished product, but we do so while increasing output and saving energy. It’s a win-win for the mill and our customers.”

The replacement is scheduled for June, 2006 and will require a machine outage for less than one week. The machine down time should not have an impact on customer shipments. PM 1 produces coated free sheet web rolls that range from 70# – 100# basis weights, as well as matte reply cards.

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® line is an environmentally friendly recycled grade that offers 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 and Nature Web are registered trademarks of West Linn Paper Company

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