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2010 Sustainability Report released: Australian Paper

Australian Paper has released a comprehensive Sustainability Report on the environmental, economic and social aspects of its operations, in accordance with the standards of the Global Reporting Initiative.

“Australian Paper has been operating in this country for over 70 years and during that time we have made significant investments in environmental initiatives, the skills of our people and the well-being of the communities in which we operate,” said Mr Jim Henneberry, CEO, Australian Paper.

“While 2010 was a year of unprecedented challenge for the business, we stuck with our commitment to these areas and are proud of the progress that has been made.

“We have achieved significant reductions in energy consumption, with around half of the energy used at our largest manufacturing site now being generated from renewable sources. The company’s energy reduction efforts have gone beyond Federal Government targets and we are on track to continue to improve our performance.

“Through the use of innovative technology, we have achieved significant reductions in the amount of water used in our operations and in coming years we expect to double our use of recycled water through our partnership with the Gippsland Water Factory.

“Our raw materials are sourced in accordance with stringent environmental standards. Throughout 2010, our focus on a sustainable supply chain continued to ensure that all fibre sourced for our operations met these standards.”

Mr Henneberry said that Australian Paper manufactures around 90% of the recycled and carbon neutral office paper that is sold in Australia each year, with approximately two thirds

of the company's fibre inputs coming from plantation wood, recycled pulp and wastepaper from kerbside recycling.

"For Australian Paper, sustainability is also about recognising the responsibilities we have to our employees and the communities in which we operate. We directly employ 1,300 people, many of them in regional areas, and our operations create over \$2 billion in economic activity for the Australian economy each year.

"It is true that we operate within a complex environment, with diverse stakeholders, but we are committed to ensuring that the company achieves the best environmental, economic and social outcomes throughout our operations. This requires continuous improvement from everyone who works at Australian Paper and I am pleased to report that there is a high level of commitment to this.

Australian Paper's Sustainability Report 2010 is now available on www.australianpaper.com.au

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