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Australian Paper urges the ADC to hold firm on dumped paper

Australia's only office paper manufacturer has responded positively to the Anti-Dumping Commission's (ADC) release of the Statement of Essential Facts (SEF) in relation to the dumping of A4 copy paper in the Australian market. The SEF found that all Indonesian, Chinese, Thai and Brazilian exporters of A4 copy paper have been selling dumped paper into the Australian market.

"By recommending dumping duties on imports from all countries under investigation, the SEF confirms the damage that has been sustained by local manufacturing from dumped copy paper," said Peter Williams, COO Australian Paper.

Recent data from the Department of Finance has confirmed that many Australian Government departments are purchasing paper from these dumped sources. "Government Departments must act now and stop buying dumped copy paper to secure valuable manufacturing jobs in the Latrobe Valley," said Mr Williams.

"The ADC's findings are an opportunity to restore fairness to the local copy paper market so that Australian Paper is secure to invest in the future of Latrobe Valley manufacturing. Any country which has been selling dumped copy paper into the Australian market has been putting local jobs at risk and should be excluded from the Australian Whole of Government Stationery and Office supply tender.

"Government employees should immediately check the copy paper in their print rooms to see if it is dumped paper from Indonesia, China, Brazil or Thailand. Australian made 100% Recycled paper offers a cost effective, environmentally superior alternative to dumped paper, and also protects vital regional jobs," Mr Williams said.

"The ADC must continue to keep a close eye on imports coming into Australia to ensure that dumping findings are not circumvented, and also that imports are not entering the market at below the injurious pricing level. The ADC should remain ready to investigate in either event, and continue to take appropriate action to maintain fair competition in the Australian market."

Australian Paper will make submissions during the brief SEF review period focusing on increasing the level of dumping margins to appropriate levels and ensuring consistent application of those margins for all importers.

The ADC is expected to advise the final decision on this dumping case by late February.

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