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### **Australian Paper urges the Anti-Dumping Commission to stay strong**

Australian Paper, the only local manufacturer of premium office paper including market leading Reflex®, supports the Anti-Dumping Commission’s decision to release a Preliminary Affirmative Determination (PAD) which confirms that all Chinese, Thai and Brazilian, and some Indonesian producers of A4 copy paper have been dumping into the Australian market. However Australian Paper urges the ADC to stay strong for the future of local paper manufacturing.

“Australian jobs and the future of the local industry remain under threat from low market pricing for copy paper. While the ADC’s decision to impose preliminary dumping duties on paper from China and Thailand is a welcome first step, the determination on the market situation in Indonesia and China, and the level of subsidy in these markets is urgently needed. This will reveal the true level of dumping so that appropriate duties can be imposed. Under the current timeline these decisions will be resolved this month so we would expect a complete PAD will be in place before November”, said Mr Peter Williams, COO Australian Paper.

In addition, the PAD excludes Brazil and Indonesia from provisional dumping duties despite acknowledging that the Brazilians and 2 Indonesian Mills are dumping paper into the Australian market.

“We will be following up with the ADC as to why Brazil was found to be dumping yet no duties have been put in place. We also want to respond to the adjustments the ADC has made to dumping margins compared to its consideration report back in April.

“Once the final determinations of the ADC on market situation and subsidy are completed during October we would expect that the total duty will be closer to the original estimates provided by the ADC in the early stages of the investigation. Any dilution of the ADC’s position would be a major disappointment to the thousands of Australians whose jobs rely on fair market pricing for copy paper. We will be making additional submissions to ensure the imposition of preliminary dumping duties on Indonesia and Brazil occurs as a matter of urgency given these parties have been found to be dumping in the Australian market,” said Mr Williams.

“The Anti-Dumping Commission needs to stay strong in bringing this investigation to a satisfactory conclusion. Copy paper prices in Australia remain suppressed at historical lows and it is vital that fairness is urgently restored for the successful future of local paper manufacturing in the Latrobe Valley,” Mr Williams added.

Australian Paper is the largest private employer in Victoria’s Latrobe Valley and economic research has shown that Australian Paper supports almost 6,000 jobs nationally and contributes over \$750 million to Australia’s GDP annually.

More information on the Anti-Dumping action can be accessed at the Australian Government Anti-Dumping Commission website [www.adcommission.gov.au](http://www.adcommission.gov.au) and the WRI Economic Impact Report on Australian Paper can be found at [www.australianpaper.com.au](http://www.australianpaper.com.au).

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