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Australian Paper welcomes anti-dumping investigation into high volume imports

Australian Paper, manufacturer of office paper including market leading Reflex®, has welcomed the Anti-Dumping Commission's announcement of an investigation into A4 office paper from China, Indonesia, Thailand and Brazil.

"Paper manufacturing is a capital intensive industry. Australian jobs and the future of the local industry are under threat from low market prices and we welcome the ADC's decision to investigate this important issue," said Mr Peter Williams, COO, Australian Paper.

"The Australian office paper market is intensely competitive with imports continuing to flood in from around the world. Australian Paper has competed successfully against imported sources for many years and plans to do so into the future. We are committed to continuing to meet the challenges we face by producing quality products, significantly reducing costs and driving further innovation through all of our operations. However market pricing has reached such low levels in recent years that our future as an important local manufacturer and employer is under serious threat.

"The Australian Government has empowered the Anti-Dumping Commission to administer Australia's anti-dumping system in compliance with World Trade Organisation rules and Australian legislation. The ADC's investigation into office paper from China, Indonesia, Thailand and Brazil will determine whether manufacturers from these countries are operating fairly in this market. We look forward to the ADC's determination as to whether office paper from these countries is being sold into this market at dumped prices," 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 and the WRI Economic Impact Report on Australian Paper can be found at www.australianpaper.com.au.

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