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**KRUGER MODERNIZES NEWSPRINT MACHINE NO. 1 AT ITS
BROMPTONVILLE MILL**

Major investment of 23 million dollars

Bromptonville, July 12, 2001 – Following a \$23-million modernization program (\$CAN), Kruger Inc. announces that it has reopened No. 1 newsprint machine at its Bromptonville mill, in the Eastern Townships after a 26-day shutdown.

Major improvements on this machine will lead to significant increases in paper quality and machine productivity. The investment covers a new headbox, modernization of the forming section as well as various improvements on the drying section, calender and winder.

“We are presently in a better position to serve our customers by offering newsprint with superior printability and runability in the pressrooms” said Mr. Daniel Archambault, General Manager of the Bromptonville Mill. This project is part of a comprehensive modernization program announced last June 5 and carried out with the support of Investment Québec’s FAIRE program.

Kruger is a leader in sustainable forest ecosystems and recycling. The company is a major pulp and paper producer engaged in the manufacture and sale of newsprint, supercalendered and coated grades, specialty publication paper, tissue, linerboard, packaging, lumber and other forest products. The company has operations in Québec, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia and Newfoundland, the United States and the United Kingdom, and employs over 10 500 people.

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