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KRUGER INCREASES THE SCOPE OF ITS ISO 14 001 REGISTRATION TO COVER THE WHOLE OF ITS FOREST OPERATIONS ON THE NORTH SHORE

To Ensure The Sustainable Development of its Operations

Ragueneau (Québec), March 21, 2003 –The Kruger Inc. Forest and Wood Products Division has obtained an increase in the scope of its ISO 14 001 registration to cover the whole of its forest activities on the North Shore.

ISO 14 001 certification of the forest supply territory of common area 093-20, north of Baie Comeau, which up to this point covered operations planning and supervision, will now cover all activities performed by forest workers. In addition, the forest operations in common area 090-30, north of Forestville, are also certified for all activities.

ISO 14 001 certification is a voluntary approach that permits the identification and control of any significant impact of forestry operations on the environment. At Kruger, this framework applies to forest management planning activities, construction and maintenance of roads, wood harvesting, log transportation and scaling, silviculture, and management of logging camps.

“Expanding the scope of the ISO 14 001 registration to cover the whole of our forest activities on the North Shore is the result of team work, of which we are very proud. This certification demonstrates our leadership and our commitment to environmental matters,” said Mr. Jean-François Mérette, General Manager – Sawmill Operations, Kruger Inc.

Kruger, Scierie Manic also established a permanent Public Advisory Committee composed of the various groups and organizations representing users of the territory and its resources. The Public Advisory Committee enables local concerns to be taken into account when drawing up forest management plans, and thereby to develop specific strategies that meet the needs of all users of the territory. This voluntary integrated approach is aimed at strengthening Kruger’s commitment towards protection of the environment and to sustainable development.

Kruger is a major pulp and paper company engaged in the manufacturing and sale of newsprint, specialty grades, lightweight coated paper, directory paper, tissue, recycled linerboard, corrugated containers, lumber and wood products. Scott Paper Limited, a member of the Kruger Company, is the leading tissue manufacturer in Canada. Scott Paper serves the Canadian consumer market with well-known brands including Cottonelle, Purex, ScotTowels, Scotties, White Swan, Capri and Viva, as well as away from home products for industrial and commercial use across Canada. The Kruger company has operations in Québec, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia and Newfoundland, the United States, United Kingdom and employs over 10 500 people.

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