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KRUGER WINS GANNETT 2002 SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD

A Tradition – 14 Times in 22 Years

Montréal (Québec), April 24, 2003 - Kruger Inc. is pleased to announce that for the 14th time in 22 years, it has won the *Supplier of the Year* award from Gannett Supply Corporation, the largest publication group in the United States, whose publications include the national daily *USA Today*.

Terrance N. Pendleton, Senior Vice President, Sales and Marketing Paper Products for the Publication Papers Division, stated that Kruger supplied thirty-two separate locations from three paper mills and nine different paper machines to win this award. “As you can imagine, this award was no small feat. It takes the efforts of all departments to deliver the perfect order, and this requires extraordinary coordination, including proper entering of the order, manufacturing to specifications, on-time delivery and accurate billing. It is a great team effort by all of which we should be extremely proud.”

“Winning this award is a tradition of sorts at Kruger.” Mr. Pendleton added. “We have now won this award fourteen times in the twenty-two years that it has existed. In the few years that the award went to another company, Kruger was usually a close second. No other newsprint company can come close to Kruger’s record.”

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 other 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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