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**KRUGER WINS GANNETT 2003 SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**A Tradition – 15 Times in 23 Years**

**Montréal (Québec), March 16, 2004** – Kruger Inc. is pleased to announce that it has once again won the Supplier of the Year Award from the Gannett Group Co. Inc. for outstanding performance in 2003. The Gannett award is related to Kruger's nine newsprint machines that supply forty-one different sites, including the national publication USA Today. As in previous years, Gannett will award \$10,000 to the charity of Kruger's choice.

According to the Senior Vice President – Marketing and Sales for Kruger's Publication Papers Division, Mr. Terrance N. Pendleton: "This award is proof of the teamwork and tireless commitment of our marketing, sales, service, transport, and production employees, who constantly focus on customer satisfaction by striving to achieve the highest standards in quality and service. They handle incredible demands in terms of production quality, logistics, modes of transport, and just-in-time delivery. We thank and congratulate all our employees at the Trois-Rivières, Québec; Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador; and Bromptonville, (Sherbrooke) Québec mills, and in our sales offices who have once again demonstrated their dedication and who share this honor with the entire Kruger Organization."

Kruger Inc. 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 and Labrador, the United States, United Kingdom and employs over 10 500 people.

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