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**KRUGER OBTAINS CSA-Z809-02 CERTIFICATION
FOR ITS FOREST ACTIVITIES ON THE NORTH SHORE**

Kruger confirms its commitment to sustainable forest management

Montréal (Québec) – April 21, 2005 – Kruger Inc. is proud to announce that it has satisfied all requirements of the Standards Council of Canada relative to sustainable forest management (SFM). This accomplishment will allow them to obtain CSA-Z809-02 certification of forest activities in Common Area 093-20 on the North Shore, which includes, notably, Île René-Levasseur.

“The commitment to sustainable forest management on the part of Kruger and its employees is evidenced through world-renowned certifications that bear witness to the quality of our forest practices and our desire to integrate them into our continuous improvement process” declared Mr. Michel Lessard, General Manager – Forest, of Kruger.

Sustainable forest management, according to the Canadian standard CSA Z809-02, is a voluntary model of continuous improvement, specific to the forest sector. It is constructed in consultation with organizations that represent the direct users of the territory and its resources, and reflects regional values in matters of sustainable forest management.

The ITS Intertek audit team felt that the sustainable forest management plan applicable to Kruger’s forest activities in Common Area 093-20, which was developed in collaboration with members of the Public Advisory Committee and will be reviewed annually, met the world criteria for sustainable forest management. These criteria are: conservation of biodiversity, maintenance and improvement of forest ecosystem conditions and productivity, conservation of resources related to soils and water, contribution to the protection of forest ecosystems and planetary ecological cycles, the multiple benefits for society and acceptance of social responsibility towards sustainable development. These criteria serve as a framework to identify the values and characteristics of a territory that users deem important.

The auditors made special mention of the general quality of the sustainable forest management plan, the total commitment of all members of the Public Advisory Committee in developing the SFM plan, the commitment by management and the North Shore team, the operating proficiency of forest activities, and Kruger’s control of the environmental management and sustainable forest management system.

Commitment by Public Advisory Committee

In an effort to involve the local community in the planning of its forest management activities on the North shore, Kruger Inc. established a Standing Public Advisory Committee. “The unfailing commitment of our employees and the members of the Public Advisory Committee, who have devoted much time and energy in drawing up the sustainable forest management plan (SFM), was an enormous asset in obtaining the CSA certification. On behalf of the Kruger organization, I would like to thank them most sincerely”, added Mr. Lessard.

The Friends of Monts Groulx, the Manic Outardes Hunting and Fishing Association Inc., the Manicouagan Prospectors Association, the Manicouagan Regional Tourist Association, the Betsiamites Band Council, the Louis-Babel Ecological Reserve Management Council, the Manicouagan – Monts Groulx/Uapishka World Biosphere Reserve Creation Committee, the North Shore Regional Environment Council, employees from Kruger’s forest and mill sectors and Scierie Manic, Hydro-Québec, the Manicouagan and Caniapiscou MRCs, the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife, Forest, Wildlife and Territory Sectors, cottage owners on Île René-Levasseur, Lac Matonipi Outfitters Inc., the North Shore Public Land Tenants Group, Labrador Air Safari, and the Quebec Nature Conservation Union all contributed to the realization of this very first sustainable forest management plan.

ISO 14001

The CSA certification is in addition to Kruger’s second term renewal of the ISO 14001 certification covering all of its forest activities on the North Shore. This certification allows the significant impacts of forest operations on the environment to be identified and controlled. Under the ISO 14001 registration, Kruger is engaged in a process of continuous improvement of its forest practices in matters of environmental protection.

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. In March 2004, Kruger created a new Business Unit, Kruger Energy Group, to ensure its growth in the energy sector. Scott Paper Limited, a member of the Kruger Company, is the leading tissue manufacturer in Canada, with well-known brands including Cashmere from 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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