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KRUGER WELCOMES MINISTER RAMSAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Review of Proposed Wood Supply for Longlac Wood Industries Inc.

Montreal (Québec), April 28, 2005 – Kruger Inc. said it is very pleased with today's announcement regarding the wood supply for its proposed Oriented Strand Board (OSB) mill in north western Ontario. Bearing Point, expert consultants based in Edmonton, Alberta, had been appointed to undertake an independent review of the wood plan. Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable David Ramsay, has now announced his continued support to issue a forest resource processing facility license to Longlac Wood Industries Inc. subject to confirmation of financing and the submission of a final business plan.

"We were confident in our plan, which was four years in the making", said Eric Bisson, Vice President, Sales and Marketing for Kruger's Forest Products Division. "While there are many aspects of the project yet to be put in place, this was the most significant milestone to date and now we will continue our efforts to push this project forward".

Longlac Wood Industries, acquired by Kruger in April 1996, is located approximately 300 km north east of Thunder Bay, in Ontario. LWI includes a plywood mill and a waferboard mill. In August 2002, LWI began satellite operations for the manufacture of new DRICore™ engineered sub-floor system in Mississauga, Ontario. This facility offers a truly innovative consumer product: warm, dry sub-flooring for the basement.

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 other wood products. In March 2004, Kruger Inc. established a new business unit, the Kruger Energy Group, to achieve its growth objectives in the energy sector. 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 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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