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KRUGER INC. ON THE HONOR ROLL

Three major publishing groups award top marks to Kruger

Montréal (Québec) – May 30, 2006 – Three of the largest publishing groups in North America unanimously chose Kruger as their best newsprint supplier for 2005. This is the first time that one newsprint supplier has received all the awards from such important groups in the publishing and information sectors in the same year.

Dow Jones & Company, publishers of *The Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, and the Ottawa Newspaper group announced that Kruger Inc, is winner of their Gold Award for an unprecedented eighth consecutive year. The Dow Jones Quality Awards are determined using a quality rating system that uses objective measures of paper optical properties, runability and service levels to provide feedback on the quality of sheet performance and overall support services of each of the supplying mills that directly impact Dow Jones' ability to achieve their business objectives. *The Wall Street Journal*, which was founded in 1889, has a circulation of approximately 2.1 million copies. The Ottawa Newspaper group owns and operates 15 daily and 18 weekly newspapers.

Knight Ridder Inc. also honored the Kruger organization by announcing that the Corner Brook mill will be presented with the 2005 Knight Ridder Supplier Excellence Award. Each of the Knight Ridder newspapers evaluated their supplying mills based upon the quality of the products supplied as well as the level of service provided. Corner Brook Pulp and Paper received the highest overall mark out of the twenty four mills evaluated. A giant in newspaper and Internet publishing, Knight Ridder publishes 32 daily newspapers in the United States with 8.1 million readers daily and 11.5 million on Sunday. The company also publishes more than sixty other non-daily newspapers, shoppers and special publications.

Gannett Supply awarded Kruger the title of Supplier of the Year for its excellent performance in 2005. This marks the 16th time in the 25-year history of the award that Kruger has been the recipient. Kruger supplied a total of forty two different Gannett publications, including USA Today, from all three Kruger newsprint mills and from a total of nine different paper machines. Gannett Co. Inc. is a leader in communications and information and publishes 90 daily newspapers, and 1,000 other non-daily publications. Gannett is the largest newspaper publisher in the United States.

“Our marketing, sales, transport and production personnel constantly strive to meet the highest standards in terms of quality and service for our valued customers. One of our many objectives is to become the preferred supplier for each of our customers. Being honored with such awards is a testimony to our success, not only in meeting this particular goal, but also to the high level of team work in our company,” said Lincoln Simpson, Vice President-Sales & Marketing, Publication Papers Sales.

“We extend our thanks and congratulations to all employees at the Trois-Rivières mill in Québec, at Corner Brook Pulp and Paper in Newfoundland and Labrador, and at the Brompton mill (Sherbrooke) in Québec, and to all personnel in our sales offices whose exemplary dedication is evident in their work and is a credit to the Kruger organization,” Mr. Simpson added.

Kruger is a major pulp and paper company engaged in the manufacture and sale of newsprint, specialty grades, lightweight coated paper, directory paper, tissue, recycled linerboard, corrugated containers, lumber and other wood products, including DRICore, the most recently patented unique engineered sub-flooring system. Kruger Energy Inc. is a producer of green and renewable energy. 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, Purex, SpongeTowels, Scotties, White Swan, White Cloud, 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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