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**KRUGER FORCED TO EXTEND SHUTDOWN AT NORTH SHORE
AND ABITIBI SAWMILLS FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS**

Montreal (Quebec), October 4, 2006 - Kruger Inc. today announced that it is forced to extend the shutdown of sawmill activities for another two weeks at the three North Shore sawmills (Ragueneau, Forestville and Longue Rive) and at the Launay sawmill in Abitibi. This temporary interruption, which only affects the sawmill employees (forest activities continue as usual), will therefore run from September 17 to October 29 inclusively. It will affect 164 workers at the North Shore sawmills and another 60 at the Abitibi sawmill.

This temporary interruption is essentially due to current poor conditions that persist in North American lumber markets and the rise in value of the Canadian dollar.

Founded in 1904, Kruger Inc. is a major producer of publication papers, tissue, lumber and other wood products, corrugated cartons from recycled fibers, and green and renewable energy. The Company is also a leader in paper and paperboard recycling in North America. It recently continued its expansion in the retail sector with the acquisition of the Maison des Futailles, a leading winemaker, bottler and marketer of wines and spirits. Kruger operates facilities in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, in the United States and the United Kingdom and has 10,000 employees.

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