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**KRUGER INC. TO MAINTAIN A PORTION OF COATED PAPER  
PRODUCTION AT ITS TROIS-RIVIÈRES MILL**

**120 jobs will be maintained**

**Montréal, Québec, October 6, 2009** – After announcing last July that it would halt all coated paper production at its Trois-Rivières mill on October 30, Kruger announced today that it will be able to maintain one of the two production lines in operation after implementing a more efficient production method and also as a result of efforts made by the mill's employees to reduce production costs.

The production line will remain in operation as long as market conditions are favourable, therefore preserving 120 jobs. Annual coated paper production will be reduced from 130 000 tonnes to 75 000 tonnes. The other production line, as well as the debarking and groundwood pulp plants, will be shut down indefinitely on October 13, two weeks earlier than initially planned. Approximately 280 employees will be laid off gradually in order to facilitate the shut down of the concerned departments.

Founded in 1904, Kruger Inc. is a major producer of publication papers, tissue, lumber and other wood products, corrugated cartons from recycled fibres, green and renewable energy and wines and spirits. The Company is also a leader in paper and paperboard recycling in North America. Kruger operates facilities in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Newfoundland and Labrador, in the United States and the United Kingdom and has 9,000 employees.

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