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KRUGER INC. TO HALT OPERATIONS FOR NINE WEEKS AT ITS SAWMILLS IN THE MAURICIE REGION

Montréal (Québec), May 12, 2009 – Kruger Inc. today announced that it will temporarily shut down its sawmill and forest operations in the Mauricie region for nine weeks, from June 1 to July 31, 2009.

Operations will be halted at the Parent and Saint-Roch-de-Mékinac sawmills, as well as the Saint-Séverin-de-Proulxville Planing and Drying Mill, directly affecting 450 sawmill and forest workers.

The Company came to this decision due in part to this year's significant drop in housing starts in North America, which has caused demand to fall and prices to reach record lows.

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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