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**KRUGER INC. TO RESUME OPERATIONS AT ITS SAWMILLS IN THE MAURICIE REGION FOR EIGHT WEEKS**

**Forest operations will remain idle**

**Montréal, Québec, July 20, 2009** – Kruger Inc. today announced that it will resume operations at its Parent and Saint-Roch-de-Mékinac sawmills, as well as planing operations in Saint-Séverin-de-Proulxville, for eight weeks, from August 3 to September 26, 2009. After that period, these operations will be idled indefinitely. As for forest operations, which had been scheduled to resume on July 31, 2009, after a nine-week stoppage, they will remain suspended indefinitely, except for transportation activities.

The temporary resumption of sawmill, drying, planing and transport operations will see some 220 employees return to work for eight weeks.

Kruger Inc. came to these decisions due to persistently bleak market conditions, particularly the continuing weak demand for lumber and a strong Canadian dollar against the US currency.

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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