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FORTRESS PAPER PROVIDES UPDATE ON FSC MILL

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, December 9, 2013 – Fortress Paper Ltd. ("Fortress Paper" or the "Company") (**TSX:FTP**) announced today that three of the four digesters at the Fortress Specialty Mill (the "FSC Mill") in Thurso, Québec resumed operation today after being shut down since December 5, 2013 to complete required and preventative repairs to piping. Accordingly, the FSC Mill has resumed production and is ramping up operation of the cogeneration facility. The Company anticipates the fourth digester will be operational on December 11, 2013.

Yvon Pelletier, President of Fortress Specialty Cellulose Inc., commented: "While this operational technical setback was beyond our control and unfortunate, I am very proud of our team who were able to expeditiously rectify the issue. As a result of their diligent efforts, we have resumed production at the FSC Mill with limited downtime."

About Fortress Paper

Fortress Paper operates internationally in two distinct business segments: dissolving pulp and security paper products. The Company operates its dissolving pulp business at the FSC Mill located in Canada, which has expanded into the renewable energy generation sector with the construction of a cogeneration facility and is in the process of expanding production into NBHK pulp. The Company is also seeking to expand its dissolving pulp capacity with the acquisition of Fortress Global Cellulose Mill located at Lebel-sur-Quévillon, Québec, which the Company is evaluating to convert into a dissolving pulp mill and re-start the cogeneration facility. The Company operates its security paper products business at the Landqart Mill located in Switzerland, where it produces banknote, passport, visa and other brand protection and security papers, and at its high security production and research facility located in Canada, where it manufactures optically variable thin film material.

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