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## **FORTRESS PAPER CORPORATE UPDATE**

### **Corporate Update includes Management, Company and New Product Information**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, October 14, 2009 – Fortress Paper Ltd., [www.fortresspaper.com](http://www.fortresspaper.com), ("Fortress Paper" or the "Corporation") today issues a corporate update that includes management, company and new product information.

Fortress Paper announces the long-term employment extension of Dr. Alfonso Ciotola, President of Fortress Paper and Chief Executive Officer of the Landqart and Dresden mills. The term of employment was extended from December 2010 to September 2014 and the base salary was set at the same existing level and continues to be indexed to inflation.

Chad Wasilenkoff, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fortress Paper, commented, "We are very excited that Dr. Ciotola has agreed to be a part of our growth plans over the next five years. Dr. Ciotola's commitment to Fortress Paper ensures a stable and cohesive management team which is an essential element to enable us to achieve our strategic expansion plans."

### **OPERATIONAL UPDATE**

#### **Landqart**

- The official launch of the Corporation's Durasafe<sup>®</sup> banknote paper will occur at the Banknote 2009 Conference to be held on December 6 – 9 in Washington D.C. Durasafe<sup>®</sup> is an innovative banknote substrate, which consists of two 100% cotton paper layers, which contain all the security features common to traditional banknote paper but with a polymer core. This three layer substrate dramatically increases the durability and design options as compared to conventional paper banknotes. Durasafe<sup>®</sup> adds the unique ability to implement security features consisting of semi and fully transparent windows of different shapes, sizes and positions. This product is anticipated to be commercially available in 2010.

"We believe Durasafe<sup>®</sup> represents a significant improvement in banknote technology and security without compromising the appearance and texture of traditional banknote paper," stated Chad Wasilenkoff, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Fortress Paper.

- The Landqart mill has now supplied banknote paper for the Euro currency for four additional countries increasing its total to 10 countries within the European Union. In addition to being the sole provider of banknote paper for the Swiss currency, the Landqart mill is also one of only nine authorized suppliers of banknote paper for the Euro currency. The Landqart mill has produced banknote paper for over 100 currency denominations and has an established reputation for producing banknote paper of the highest security and quality.

## **Dresden**

- The Dresden mill has successfully completed the second stage of capital improvements to enhance the quality and efficiency of its production of non-woven wallpaper base. This most recent upgrade has increased our theoretical capacity by approximately 20% to 45,000 tonnes per annum depending on the product mix of non-woven. The Dresden mill is the world's leading supplier of non-woven wallpaper base, producing approximately 50% of the world's supply. The order book at the Dresden mill is experiencing its highest level of demand since the economic down turn.

"We are encouraged by the results at our Dresden mill and we expect to utilize the increased capacity to meet current and forecasted demand and strengthen our position in the global non-woven wallpaper market. We believe the efficiency enhancements at our Dresden mill will enable us to meet some of the challenges resulting from current economic conditions", commented Dr. Alfonso Ciotola, President of Fortress Paper.

## **About Fortress Paper**

Fortress Paper is a leading international producer of security and other specialty papers. Fortress Paper operates two paper mills, the Landqart mill located in Switzerland and the Dresden mill located in Germany. Fortress Paper's security papers include banknote, passport and visa papers and its specialty papers include non-woven wallpaper base products, and graphic and technical papers. As an extension of its security papers business, the Landqart mill has been actively developing and marketing innovative paper-based security products.

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