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**FORTRESS PAPER ANNOUNCES  
EXERCISE OF OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, July 16, 2010 – Fortress Paper Ltd. ("Fortress Paper" or the "Company") (TSX:FTP) is pleased to announce that, in conjunction with its recently completed public offering (the "Offering") of 1,739,000 common shares of the Company, the underwriters have exercised their over-allotment option and purchased an additional 161,050 common shares of the Company at a price of \$23.50 per share, resulting in aggregate gross proceeds under the Offering of \$44,651,175.

Fortress Paper intends to use the net proceeds of the Offering to finance certain capital expenditures relating to its Fortress Specialty Cellulose Mill in Thurso, Quebec and its rebuild of papermachine number 1 at its Landqart Mill in Switzerland, and for working capital.

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**About Fortress Paper**

Fortress Paper is a leading international producer of security and other specialty papers and products. Fortress operates three mills, the Landqart Mill located in Switzerland, the Dresden Mill located in Germany and the Fortress Specialty Cellulose Mill located in Quebec, Canada. 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. Fortress Paper's pulp business includes NBHK produced at the Fortress Specialty Cellulose Mill with plans to convert this capacity into dissolving pulp production along with the construction of a biomass based cogeneration plant.

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