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**FORTRESS PAPER ANNOUNCES: PULP PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR
FORTRESS SPECIALTY CELLULOSE**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, May 10th, 2010 – Fortress Paper Ltd. www.fortresspaper.com ("Fortress Paper" or the "Corporation") announces that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Fortress Specialty Cellulose Inc. ("Fortress Specialty") has entered into a pulp purchase and sale agreement (the "Agreement") with International Forest Products Corp. ("IFP") of Foxboro, Massachusetts.

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, IFP will be the exclusive distributor for the sale of northern bleached hardwood kraft ("NBHK") pulp produced at the Thurso Mill for the duration of such production.

The Thurso Mill is expected to commence commercial production in June of this year and is anticipated to produce approximately 250,000 air dry metric tonnes of high quality NBHK pulp per year. The re-start plans are on track and the mill expects to promptly deliver the high quality that it was well known for in the market place.

"Everyone at International Forest Products Corporation (IFP) is extremely pleased to be working with Fortress Paper on this exciting venture", said Daniel Kraft, President and CEO of IFP. "This relationship will align IFP with one of the world's premier specialty paper producers."

About Fortress Paper

Fortress Paper is a leading international producer of security and other specialty papers. Fortress Paper operates three mills, the Landqart Mill located in Switzerland, the Dresden Mill located in Germany and the Fortress Specialty Cellulose Mill located in Thurso 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 currently includes NBHK with plans to convert this capacity into dissolving pulp production. Fortress Paper plans to build a biomass based cogeneration plant at the Thurso Location.

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