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FORTRESS PAPER ANNOUNCES CONVERSION OF DEBENTURE AND RETIRING OF DEBT OWED TO SOLIDARITY FUND QFL

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, March 1, 2011 – Fortress Paper Ltd. ("Fortress Paper" or the "Company") (TSX: FTP) announces that Company has retired all of its debt owed to Solidarity Fund QFL (Fonds de solidarité FTQ) ("FTQ"). FTQ has converted the remaining \$7,000,000 principal amount of its \$15,000,000 unsecured convertible debenture that was issued on April 30, 2010. The Company has issued 350,000 common shares with this redemption.

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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