



West Linn Paper Company Offers Sonoma® FSC-Certified Product Line

West Linn, Oregon – **October 15, 2008** (Press Release) – West Linn Paper is pleased to announce that it has extended Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification to include a line of Sonoma® FSC-certified products. This new product offering has the same product qualities and specifications of our standard Sonoma grades but can be purchased with the option to include the use of FSC-certified pulp that is tracked through the chain-of-custody process to ensure that the pulp is acquired from forests that are well-managed in accordance with the FSC's principles and criteria.

“Since 2006, West Linn Paper has seen shipments of our FSC-certified Nature grades increase by over 300 percent,” states Tom Gallagher, President of Sales and Marketing for West Linn Paper. “Businesses today understand the value of the FSC-certification system as part of their overall sustainability message and West Linn Paper is looking to meet customer needs by extending our product offering to include a Sonoma FSC-certified line.”

The Sonoma® FSC-certified products will be available in gloss, matte and dull finishes in 45# to 100# text weights, 80# cover as well as 7 pt. and 9 pt. reply card. West Linn will continue to offer our Nature product lines – which include 10% to 30% post-consumer waste and FSC certification.

“Support from the environmental community and clearly defined goals for how the world’s forests are managed are among the reasons West Linn Paper Company has put its support behind the FSC certification system,” says Penny Machinski, Environmental Manager for West Linn Paper. “By making FSC-certified products readily available to our customers, we encourage demand for a trusted product that is making a real difference in the health and long-term viability of the world’s forests.”

About Forest Stewardship Council

FSC is a nonprofit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world’s forests. FSC sets high standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial and economically responsible way. Landowners and companies that sell timber or forest products seek certification as a way to verify to consumers that they have practiced forestry consistent with FSC standards. Major international environmental and social organizations, such as the National Wildlife Federation, The Nature Conservancy and The Sierra Club all support and encourage FSC certification.

About West Linn Paper Company

West Linn Paper Company is an independent manufacturer of coated free-sheet web paper and is the oldest active paper mill and the only coated free-sheet manufacturer in the western United States. The high-quality Sonoma® and Capistrano® brands are well-known and well-respected in the printing industry for their print quality and runnability. The Sonoma FSC-certified paper line offers the same versatility of our standard Sonoma line with the added benefit of forestry certification. In addition, West Linn Paper’s Nature Web® and Nature Plus® lines deliver environmentally sustainable, FSC-certified recycled papers with 10% to 30% PCW content. West Linn Paper Company products are sold throughout North America and are used for high-end advertising materials, direct mail, magazines, catalogs and book publishing.

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