



Catalyst Paper announces rescheduling of Creditor meetings to consider Plan of Arrangement

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Richmond, BC – Catalyst Paper today announced that the meetings of its secured and unsecured creditors to consider the plan of arrangement under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act have been rescheduled to May 23, 2012. The meetings were previously scheduled for May 18, 2012.

“Our discussions are continuing towards the possibility of amending the current plan of arrangement which would better enable Catalyst to emerge from creditor protection on a stronger financial footing, said Kevin J. Clarke, President and Chief Executive Officer. “The additional time is intended to permit these discussions to be successfully completed.”

The rescheduled meetings will be held at a new location, the Westin Wall Centre, Vancouver Airport, 3099 Corvette Way, Richmond, BC at 10:00 am for unsecured creditors and 11:00 am for the First Lien Noteholders.

It is anticipated that the court date to sanction and approve the plan of arrangement will be rescheduled to May 25, 2012.

Additional information concerning the plan of arrangement and the creditor meetings is contained in the Catalyst Paper's Notice of Meetings and Management Proxy Circular dated March 23, 2012 (the Circular) filed on www.sedar.com.

Catalyst Paper manufactures diverse specialty mechanical printing papers, newsprint and pulp. Its customers include retailers, publishers and commercial printers in North America, Latin America, the Pacific Rim and Europe. With four mills, located in British Columbia and Arizona, Catalyst has a combined annual production capacity of 1.8 million tonnes. The company is headquartered in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada and is ranked by Corporate Knights magazine as one of the 50 Best Corporate Citizens in Canada.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain matters set forth in this news release, including statements with respect to implementation of the plan of arrangement and the benefits to the company of the plan of arrangement, are forward looking. These forward-looking statements reflect management's current views and are based on certain assumptions including assumptions as to future operating conditions and courses of action, economic conditions and other factors management believes are appropriate. Such forward looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in these statements, including failure to obtain court approval, failure to obtain the requisite approvals of holders of the Senior Secured Notes and Senior Notes and other creditors, and those risks and uncertainties identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in the Circular and under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties" in Catalyst's management's discussion and analysis contained in Catalyst's annual report for the year ended December 31, 2011, both of which are available at www.sedar.com.

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