



MEDIA STATEMENT

FDA Clears Resolute RBK-LF Pulp for Use in Food Packaging

MONTREAL, CANADA, April 30, 2014 – Resolute Forest Products Inc. (NYSE: RFP) (TSX: RFP) is pleased to announce that it has received a letter of non-objection (NOL) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) confirming that its RBK-LF pulp (recycled bleached kraft – low fluorescence) is suitable for use in coated paper and paperboard grades intended for use in contact with food.

The NOL covers recycled pulp produced at Resolute mills in Menominee (Michigan) and Fairmont (West Virginia). It is one of a very few letters the FDA has issued on recycled pulp.

“We are excited to be able to diversify our product offering by selling into food contact paper and board applications. We are seeing trends towards more sustainable products and feel that our RBK-LF will offer some unique opportunities to our customers,” said John McDonald, Vice President, Pulp Sales. “This clearance involved extensive testing and analysis, and is a testament to the hard work of a lot of committed employees at both the corporate and mill levels.”

Resolute is the largest producer of market recycled pulp (recycled bleached kraft, or RBK) in the world. The Menominee and Fairmont mills produce the only dried, sheeted RBK pulp bales in North America and are ideally situated to serve both domestic and export markets. The Company’s product is considered a world-class benchmark in terms of product quality and cleanliness.

About Resolute Forest Products

Resolute Forest Products is a global leader in the forest products industry with a diverse range of products, including newsprint, commercial printing papers, market pulp and wood products. The Company owns or operates over 40 pulp and paper mills and wood products facilities in the United States, Canada and South Korea, and power generation assets in Canada. Marketing its products in close to 90 countries, Resolute has third-party certified 100% of its managed woodlands to at least one of three internationally-recognized sustainable forest management standards. The shares of Resolute Forest Products trade under the stock symbol RFP on both the New York Stock Exchange and the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Resolute and other member companies of the Forest Products Association of Canada, as well as a number of environmental organizations, are partners in the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement. The group works to identify solutions to conservation issues that meet the goal of balancing equally the three pillars of sustainability linked to human activities: environmental, social and economic.

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