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## **PaperWorks Industries receives Forest Stewardship Council certification – with additional quality benefits**

*Value-added recognition for the company and its customers*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA, December 4, 2009:** PaperWorks Industries, Inc. is pleased to announce that it has received Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Chain of Custody certification for some of its production across its MasterWorks line of products – and that the lengthy process has resulted in some additional advantages.

FSC certification is a system that provides internationally recognized standard-setting, trademark assurance and accreditation services to companies and organizations interested in responsible forestry.

This five-year certification means the company has been officially recognized as committed to strict tracking requirements. Customers that see FSC chain of custody number SCS-COC-002890 on their materials can have confidence that their FSC-certified products come from responsibly managed forest resources.

“Not only are we proud of our FSC Chain of Custody certification, but it provides a significant advantage to customers who want FSC certification for their products in turn,” says Mark P. Roy, Senior Vice President, Commercial Development. “By providing FSC-certified products, we give them a major part of the custody chain with products they can use without requiring a rigorous on-site supplier audit process.”

Provided through independent certifier Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), the certification was the result of an involved and thorough process that evaluated the company’s systems, sources, and methods.

“The project dealt with designing work processes to maintain compliance with FSC chain of custody requirements,” says Scott Oertel, Process Engineer at PaperWorks Industries and an instrumental part of the certification process. “The team’s approach has ensured zero negative effects on product quality while meeting FSC requirements.”

The certification process has even added a new quality-control element to PaperWorks Industries’ production process: visual inspections of every load that arrives at the mills, with deep audit testing performed every week. “FSC certification has resulted in another quality control step for all MasterWorks grades of paperboard,” Roy says. “More than something done for compliance, we’re using this as a way to add more value to our final product.”

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