

SUSTAINABLE SOURCING

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**SUSTAINABLE SOURCING: ONE WAY WE PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT**

We believe that protecting our planet is a prerequisite for doing business. That’s why we do everything possible to have minimal impact on the environment in every phase of our operations:

- Our raw materials come from sustainable and renewable sources.
- We produce environmentally friendly products.
- We recycle chemicals, water, heat and fuel throughout our manufacturing processes.
- We recycle waste wherever we can.
- We deliver our products to customers in ways that minimize environmental impacts.

**CERTIFICATION INITIATIVES**

Our sustainable forestry policy states our commitment to help create sustainable forests for generations to come. One way we do this is through our proactive involvement in various sustainable forestry certification programs, including Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI), Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Each of these organizations provides a rigorous set of environmental standards that participating companies must abide by in order to be certified by them. Those standards are aimed at encouraging a broad range of interdependent actions that create healthy forests. Some issues addressed

include water quality, biodiversity, wildlife habitat, endangered species and forests of exceptional conservation value.

**CERTIFIED TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS**

All operations throughout KapStone are certified to one or more of these certification programs. In addition, our paper mills, chip mills and sawmill are all certified to the highest levels of Chain-of-Custody certification from both SFI and PEFC, and all Mill Division locations except the Longview paper mill are FSC Chain-of-Custody certified. Chain of Custody is the highest level of certification possible and relatively few companies aspire to achieve it. We’re proud to be among them.

KapStone’s Forest Certification Manager, Eric Smith, has oversight responsibility for our certification efforts and other matters pertaining to our commitment to sustainable forestry. “We have a duty to manage our natural resources. I truly believe that it is one of our roles here on earth,” he said. “That’s why it’s in our best interests to do whatever we can to protect the environment.”

Eric believes KapStone is in the perfect industry for positively affecting the environment. “Our products use naturally renewable resources that encourage forest owners to keep their land in healthy managed forests, versus selling it for housing developments or some other use,” he said. “The public also receives benefits in the clean water, clean air and enjoyment of these forests.

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