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For Immediate Release:

Catalyst Paper receives US EPA 2021 SmartWay Excellence Award

Award Recipients are Top Environmental Performers and Leaders for Freight Supply Chain Efficiency

[Richmond, BC] – Catalyst Paper, a Paper Excellence company, was honoured with a SmartWay® Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as an industry leader in freight supply chain environmental performance and energy efficiency. Catalyst partners with SmartWay carriers that share the same values in environmental leadership. These carriers invest in energy efficient lightweight equipment that allows Catalyst to plan and load equipment to maximum capacity to reduce the number of trucks and railcars shipped.

"I'm proud of our Logistics team and the staff at the Surrey Distribution Centre for achieving this SmartWay designation and their outstanding performance this year focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through more efficient shipping," said Hamish Doughty, Vice President, Supply Chain.

Catalyst Paper was one of 12 shipper and logistics companies to receive this distinction, representing the best environmental performers of SmartWay's nearly 4,000 Partners. This year's awards were announced at a virtual press event hosted by the EPA with its SmartWay Partners, key stakeholders and media in attendance.

"For 17 years the SmartWay Transport Partnership has worked together with stakeholders in the freight industry to find innovative ways to reduce pollution from goods movement." said Sarah Dunham, Director of EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality, "We commend the innovation, drive, and collaborative spirit of our partners whose efforts are helping to meet the challenge of climate change and to create a healthier environment for us all."



Left to right: Geoff Le Vecque, Manager, Operations (Surrey Distribution Center); John Dumbovic, Manager, Truck and Rail; Aman Banwait, General Manager (Surrey Distribution Center) pose with their 2021 SmartWay Excellence Award.

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Paper Excellence, headquartered in British Columbia, is a diversified manufacturer of pulp and specialty, printing, writing, and packaging papers. The company operates seven mills and a large-scale cargo distribution centre in Canada producing and shipping over 2.8 million tonnes annually with a workforce of more than 2,400. Paper Excellence is poised to continue to grow with its strategy of operational excellence and high-quality, cost-effective products.