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For Immediate Release:

Paper Excellence Announces Meadow Lake Production Slowdown Due To Lack of Railway Service

[Richmond, BC] – Paper Excellence today announced an indefinite production slowdown of its Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan BCTMP mill due to repeated lack of railway service.

Meadow Lake Mechanical Pulp Inc., which employs 190 people and infuses over \$1 million daily into Canada's economy, is dependent on CN Rail, which has failed to transport Meadow Lake's pulp production to ports for months. The mill has exhausted local storage facilities.

"While we remain committed to servicing our customers' needs during this slowdown, we are extremely concerned about this railway situation and hope that it can be resolved soon," said Stew Gibson, Vice President, Operations and Logistics. Paper Excellence plans to return the mill to full production once reliable railway service is reestablished.

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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.

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