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For Immediate Release:

Paper Excellence Announces Labour Shortages Impact on Business

[Richmond, BC] – Paper Excellence today provided an update on skilled labour shortages in British Columbia that are impacting the company's ability to execute many of its planned shutdowns on time.

The company has been dealing with delays due to shortages of skilled pressure vessel welders at its Crofton facility which will impact the length of the shutdown resulting in incremental lost pulp production due to the delays. The company is concerned that similar shortages will impact upcoming shutdowns at Howe Sound and Skookumchuck. The company currently expects a loss of about 10,000 tonnes of NBSK pulp production in total across all three sites.

Paper Excellence remains committed to its customers and can supply pulp products from its other unaffected mills during these delays.

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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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