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## **NBHK PULP PRODUCTION BEGINS AT FORTRESS PAPER'S THURSO MILL**

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, June 1, 2010 – Fortress Paper Ltd. ("Fortress Paper" or the "Corporation") announces that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Fortress Specialty Cellulose Inc. ("Fortress Specialty") commenced production and sale of NBHK pulp on May 28th. The mill reopened May 1<sup>st</sup> after being shut down by the former owner in early 2009.

Chad Wasilenkoff, CEO of Fortress Paper Ltd. commented: *"The commencement of production at the Fortress Specialty Cellulose Mill marks the achievement of an important milestone at Thurso. We are pleased that production has commenced ahead of schedule and this will enable us to take advantage of the current strong NBHK pulp prices"*.

Fortress Specialty's Thurso Mill is expected to produce approximately 250,000 air dried metric tonnes per annum of high grade northern bleached hardwood kraft pulp. Fortress Specialty intends to produce NBHK pulp while undergoing transformation to become a dissolving pulp producer in mid 2011.

### About Fortress Paper

Fortress Paper is a leading international producer of security and other specialty papers and products. Fortress Paper operates three mills, the Landqart Mill located in Switzerland, the Dresden Mill located in Germany and the Fortress Specialty Cellulose Mill located in Quebec, Canada. Fortress Paper's security papers include banknote, passport and visa papers and its specialty papers include non-woven wallpaper base products, and graphic and technical papers. Fortress Paper's pulp business will include NBHK with the re-start of the Fortress Specialty Cellulose Mill with plans to convert this capacity into dissolving pulp production along with the construction of a biomass based cogeneration plant.

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