

## News Release

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### **Catalyst Paper Disappointed with U.S. Department of Commerce's Preliminary Anti-Dumping Decision**

*Company will continue to vigorously defend itself against unwarranted and onerous trade action*

**Richmond, (BC)** – Catalyst Paper will continue to vigorously defend itself against an unwarranted and onerous U.S. trade action following today's disappointing decision by the U.S. Department of Commerce that it will impose a 22.16% anti-dumping duty deposit on the company's exports of uncoated groundwood paper products. Uncoated groundwood directory paper was excluded from the duty.

"We are very disappointed with this decision," says Ned Dwyer, President & Chief Executive Officer. "This U.S. trade action is unwarranted and without merit."

The DOC's preliminary anti-dumping determination follows a Preliminary Determination made on January 8, 2018 that requires Catalyst to pay a 6.09% countervailing duty deposit on its exports of uncoated groundwood paper products. The Final Determination of both the countervailing duty and anti-dumping duty is expected on or around August 2, 2018.

Uncoated groundwood paper is a printing and writing grade of paper used in the production of paper products such as newspapers, directories, flyers, catalogues and books, and is produced at our Canadian mills

"Even with the exemption of directory paper, the remaining anti-dumping and countervailing duties are onerous and a critical cost challenge for Catalyst," says Dwyer. "They pose a threat to our competitiveness and the sustainability of our business and we will continue to vigorously defend ourselves against them."

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#### **About Catalyst Paper:**

Catalyst Paper manufactures diverse papers such as coated freesheet, coated one side (C1S), flexible and industrial packaging, food service, coated and uncoated groundwood, newsprint, directory, as well as market pulp. Customers include retailers, publishers and commercial printers in North

America, Latin America, the Pacific Rim and Europe. With five mills across North America, Catalyst has annual production capacity of 2.3 million tonnes. Catalyst is headquartered in Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, and has been ranked by Corporate Knights magazine for the 11th consecutive year as one of the 50 Best Corporate Citizens in Canada.

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