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MWV Receives PEFC and FSC Chain of Custody Certifications at European Packaging Plants in Austria and Poland

RICHMOND, Virginia (April 3, 2009)—Global packaging leader [MWV](http://www.mwv.com) (NYSE: MWV) today announced it has received chain of custody certifications to the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification scheme (PEFC) and the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) for its packaging manufacturing facilities in Graz, Austria, and Bydgoszcz, Poland, respectively. The certifications provide third-party validation of MWV's sustainable fiber sourcing practices, and help assure our customers and consumers of the company's responsible environmental stewardship.

Chain of custody is the process of tracking and recording the possession and transfer of wood fiber from the forest of origin, through manufacture, production and processing stages and, ultimately, to its end use. These certifications help consumers identify those products that meet their environmental demands, and provide trusted third-party validation of the company's sustainable business practices. The Graz facility received PEFC certification in November 2008, and the Bydgoszcz received FSC certification in January of this year.

"At MWV, we have operated through a sustainability-focused lens for decades," said Andy Dreszer, vice president, Folding Carton Systems, MWV Europe. "We understand the importance of responsible sourcing to customers and consumers, which is why we take the important steps of achieving third-party certifications. These validations assure our customers that we are a trusted partner to them with a strong commitment to sustainability."

In April 2008, MWV announced it received Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and PEFC chain-of-custody certifications at its North American paper mills and global integrated converting facilities. The dual certification covers the company's U.S.-based paperboard mills in Covington, Va.; Evadale, Texas; and Mahrt, Ala., and the company's sheeting and extruding facilities in Low Moor, Va.; Silsbee, Texas, and Venlo, Netherlands, and twelve of the company's integrated package converting plants in North America, Europe and Asia.

About MWV

MeadWestvaco Corporation (NYSE: MWV), provides packaging solutions to many of the world's most-admired brands in the healthcare, personal and beauty care, food, beverage, media and entertainment, and home and garden industries. The company's businesses also include Consumer & Office Products, Specialty Chemicals, and the Community Development and Land Management Group, which sustainably manages the company's land holdings to support its operations, and to provide for conservation, recreation and development opportunities. With 22,000 employees worldwide, MWV operates in 30 countries and serves customers in more than 100 nations. MWV manages all of its forestlands in accordance with internationally recognized forest certification standards, and has been named to the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index for the fifth consecutive year. For more information, please visit www.mwv.com.

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