



# Chain of Custody Certificate

This is to confirm that KPMG Performance Registrar Inc. has examined the procedures of

## **Alberta Newsprint Company** **Postal Bag 9000 Whitecourt, Alberta T7S 1P9**

and determined that the Company maintains chain of custody and sales tracking systems which form a reasonable basis for: (1) tracking the source of wood fibre processed by these facilities, and (2) ensuring that the output from these facilities, which is claimed to be “PEFC-certified”, will not exceed the amount of wood fibre coming into these facilities from PEFC certified woodlands operations<sup>1</sup>. The Company’s Chain of Custody system conforms in all material respects to the requirements of PEFC ST 2002:2013.

This Chain of Custody System certification<sup>2</sup> applies to the following:

**Paper, wood chips, and logs sold by the Alberta Newsprint Company’s mill.**

This chain of custody certification is given subject to the terms and conditions governing the use of this certificate as described in the agreement between KPMG Performance Registrar Inc. and the holder thereof. Chain of custody certification does not assure the regulatory compliance or continued conformance with the applicable standards by the certified woodlands operations from which wood fibre is obtained. <sup>1</sup>PEFC certified woodlands operations are those which are certified under forest certification standards endorsed by PEFC, including the following standards: the CSA Z809 Sustainable Forest Management standard and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI<sup>®</sup>) standard.

<sup>2</sup>The client information form (CIF) provides additional information on the Company’s scope of activities, applied chain of custody method and applied definition of raw material origin. The latest version of the CIF, which forms an integral part of this certificate, is controlled and retained by KPMG PRI.

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**PROGRAMME FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF  
FOREST CERTIFICATION (PEFC)  
CHAIN OF CUSTODY  
COMMITMENT**

Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC) endorses the principles of PEFC and endeavors to produce products from non-controversial fibre sources. As part of our fibre procurement strategy ANC's preference is to purchase fibre from suppliers certified to PEFC, SFI (Sustainable Forestry Initiative), and CSA (Canadian Standards Association).

ANC will not purchase fibre from controversial sources, including illegal logging or fibre sources without effective social laws.

ANC will implement and maintain the chain of custody requirements in accordance with the PEFC standard.

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