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## Domtar's Mike Edwards Receives ASPI 2012 Excellence in Leadership Award

The Association of Suppliers to the Paper Industry (ASPI) has named Mike Edwards, Domtar's Senior Vice-President, Pulp and Paper Manufacturing, as its 2012 ASPI Excellence in Leadership recipient. Edwards was presented this award at ASPI's Fall 2012 Customer Alignment Meeting with Domtar earlier this month in Charlotte, North Carolina.

ASPI's Excellence in Leadership Award honors leaders in the pulp and paper industry that have demonstrated exceptional and inspiring leadership. Nominations are made by ASPI members, and voted on by the ASPI Board of Directors. Members specifically commended Edwards on his strategic partnerships with suppliers to improve operational efficiencies at Domtar's mills

"ASPI is extremely pleased to honor Mike Edwards with this award," says ASPI President Carl Howe, VP Sales with Kadant Paperline. "Mike's reputation as an outstanding leader is widely recognized in the pulp and paper industry, particularly in the supplier community. ASPI welcomes this opportunity to formally recognize Mike and his achievements."

"We're delighted that Mike has been recognized by his peers for his longstanding leadership in the industry," added John D. Williams, Domtar President and CEO. "This award couldn't go to a more deserving recipient."

Edwards is responsible for all pulp and paper manufacturing as well as converting operations at Domtar. His career in the pulp and paper industry spans over 48 years. He started his career in 1963 in Scotland and immigrated to Canada in 1981 working in various pulp and paper positions. In 1997 he moved to the U.S. He was previously Vice-President, Fine Paper Manufacturing at Weyerhaeuser Company which he joined in 1994, and where he held various management positions in pulp and paper operations.

Edwards has previously been Chairman of the North Carolina External Affairs Council (2001-2007), a member of the board of the North Carolina State Pulp and Paper Foundation (2002-2009), and the Governor's Business Council of North Carolina for Management and Development. In the early 1990s, he was Chairman and Director of the Ontario Pulp and Paper Makers Association. A photo of Edwards receiving his award is available on request to Colleen Walker (<u>cwalker@aspinet.org</u>).

Domtar Corporation (NYSE: UFS) (TSX: UFS) designs, manufactures, markets and distributes a wide variety of fiber-based products including communication papers, specialty and packaging papers and



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adult incontinence products. The foundation of its business is a network of world class wood fiber converting assets that produce papergrade, fluff and specialty pulps. The majority of its pulp production is consumed internally to manufacture paper and consumer products. Domtar is the largest integrated marketer of uncoated freesheet paper in North America with recognized brands such as Cougar<sup>®</sup>, Lynx<sup>®</sup> Opaque Ultra, Husky<sup>®</sup> Opaque Offset, First Choice<sup>®</sup> and Domtar EarthChoice<sup>®</sup>. Domtar is also a leading marketer and producer of a complete line of incontinence care products marketed primarily under the Attends<sup>®</sup> brand name. Domtar owns and operates Ariva<sup>®</sup>, an extensive network of strategically located paper and printing supplies distribution facilities. In 2011, Domtar had sales of US\$5.6 billion from nearly 50 countries. Domtar employs approximately 9,500 people. To learn more, visit <u>www.domtar.com</u>.

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ASPI is the leading association of companies that supply products and/or services to the pulp, paper and board industry. Member participation consists primarily of CEOs, owners, and senior management executives. ASPI's mission is to assist its member supplier companies in providing increased economic benefits to their customers through collective knowledge, initiatives and efforts. ASPI's unique value proposition is a combination of compelling program content and an influential business network.

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