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PROSPECTUS

CLEARWATER PAPER CORPORATION

OFFER TO EXCHANGE ALL OUTSTANDING

\$275,000,000 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023

FOR NEWLY ISSUED, REGISTERED

\$275,000,000 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023

Terms of Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023 of Clearwater Paper Corporation, or Clearwater Paper, which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, or the exchange notes, for any and all currently outstanding 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023 of Clearwater Paper, or the outstanding notes. The exchange notes and the outstanding notes are both guaranteed by certain wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries of Clearwater Paper. The exchange notes are substantially identical to the outstanding notes, except that the exchange notes have been registered under the federal securities laws and the transfer restrictions, registration rights and additional interest provisions applicable to the outstanding notes do not apply to the exchange notes. The exchange notes will represent the same debt as the outstanding notes, and will be issued under the same indenture.

We will exchange an equal principal amount of exchange notes for all outstanding notes that you validly tender and do not validly withdraw before the exchange offer expires. The exchange offer expires at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on July 16, 2013, unless extended. We do not currently intend to extend the exchange offer.

You may withdraw tenders of outstanding notes at any time prior to the expiration of the exchange offer.

The exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes will not be a taxable event for United States federal income tax purposes.

Neither Clearwater Paper, nor any of its subsidiaries, will receive any proceeds from the exchange offer.

There is not an existing market for the exchange notes and we do not intend to apply for listing of the exchange notes on any securities exchange or automated quotation system.

Consider carefully the Risk Factors starting on page 11 of this prospectus.

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Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. The letter of transmittal states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder, which are referred to collectively as the Securities Act.

This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that this prospectus will be made available for 180 days after the date hereof to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THE EXCHANGE NOTES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this prospectus is June 14, 2013

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This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about Clearwater Paper Corporation that is not included or delivered with this prospectus. This information is available without charge to security holders upon written or oral request.

Any requests for business and financial information incorporated but not included in this prospectus should be sent to Clearwater Paper Corporation, 601 West Riverside, Suite 1100, Spokane, Washington, 99201, Attn: Corporate Secretary. To obtain timely delivery, holders of outstanding notes must request the information no later than July 9, 2013.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized any person to provide you with any information or represent anything about us or this offering that is not contained in this prospectus. If given or made, any such other information or representation should not be relied upon as having been authorized by us. We are offering to exchange the outstanding notes for the exchange notes only in places where the exchange offer is permitted.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

In this prospectus, the term Clearwater Paper, we, us, or the Company refers to Clearwater Paper Corporation and our subsidiaries, unless we indicate otherwise or the context otherwise requires. Outstanding notes refers to the \$275,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our unregistered 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023 originally issued on January 23, 2013. Exchange notes refers to our registered 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023 offered pursuant to this prospectus. The outstanding notes and the exchange notes are sometimes referred to collectively as the notes.

Any statements in this prospectus concerning the provisions of any document are not complete. Reference is made to the copy of that document filed or incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part or otherwise filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. Each statement concerning the provisions of any document is qualified in its entirety by reference to the document so filed.

Neither the delivery of this prospectus nor any sale or exchange made hereunder or thereunder shall, under any circumstances, create an implication that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is correct as of any time subsequent to its date. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus. The business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of Clearwater Paper may have changed since that date.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus, contains, in addition to historical information, certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding our stock repurchase program and accelerated stock buyback program, the costs and benefits associated with the closure of our Thomaston, Georgia facility, our long-term strategy for the company and our operating divisions, the benefits of a broad manufacturing footprint and the location of our manufacturing facilities, increased customer and market opportunities for our consumer products business, cost savings programs, net cost savings from synergies associated with the Cellu Tissue Holdings, Inc. acquisition, cost reductions resulting from our new wood chipping facility, the acceptance of private label products, pulp costs, our use of internally produced pulp, the cost and timing to complete new facilities, tax rates, scheduled downtime at our facilities, future growth opportunities, future revenues, cash flows, capital expenditures, operating costs, including energy costs, chemical costs, transportation costs, wood fiber supply and costs, depreciation and amortization expense, manufacturing output, liquidity, manufacturing capability, capitalized interest, interest expenses, debt service obligations, the payment of dividends, benefit plan funding levels, the effect of recent accounting standards on our financial condition and results of operations and the tax treatment of the alternative fuels and cellulosic biofuels tax credits. Words such as anticipate, expect, intend, plan, target, project, believe, schedule, may, and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations, estimates, assumptions and projections that are subject to change. Our actual results of operations may differ materially from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Important factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include those risks discussed under Risk Factors in this prospectus, including the following:

difficulties with the optimization and realization of the benefits expected from our new through-air-dried, or TAD, paper machine and converting lines in Shelby, North Carolina;

the loss of business from a significant customer;

increased dependence on wood pulp;

changes in transportation costs and disruptions in transportation services;

manufacturing or operating disruptions, including equipment malfunction and damage to our manufacturing facilities caused by fire or weather-related events and IT system failures;

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changes in the cost and availability of wood fiber and wood pulp;

changes in costs for and availability of packaging supplies, chemicals, energy and maintenance and repairs;

competitive pricing pressures for our products, including as a result of increased capacity as additional manufacturing facilities are operated by our competitors;

changes in customer product preferences and competitors' product offerings;

increased supply and pricing pressures resulting from increasing Asian paper production capabilities;

our qualification to retain, or ability to utilize, tax credits associated with alternative fuels or cellulosic biofuels and the tax treatment associated with receipt of such credits;

environmental liabilities or expenditures;

changes in the U.S. and international economies and in general economic conditions in the regions and industries in which we operate;

changes in expenses and required contributions associated with our pension plans;

cyclical industry conditions;

reliance on a limited number of third-party suppliers for raw materials;

labor disruptions;

inability to successfully implement our expansion strategies;

inability to fund our debt obligations;

restrictions on our business from debt covenants and terms; and

changes in laws, regulations or industry standards affecting our business.

Forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus present our views only as of the date of this prospectus. Except as required under applicable law, we do not intend to issue updates concerning any future revisions of our views to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this prospectus.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus and does not contain all the information that you should consider before exchanging the notes. You should read this entire document carefully, including the information under the heading Risk Factors, before making a decision to exchange your outstanding notes for exchange notes.

Our Company

Clearwater Paper Corporation is a leading North American producer of private label tissue and paperboard products. We manufacture quality consumer tissue, away-from-home tissue, or AFH, parent rolls (non-converted tissue product), machine-glazed tissue, bleached paperboard and pulp at 15 manufacturing locations in the U.S. and Canada. Our private label consumer tissue products facial and bath tissue, paper towels and napkins are used primarily at-home and are principally sold to major retailers and wholesale distributors, which include grocery, drug, mass-merchant and discount stores. Our paperboard is sold primarily in the high-end segment of the packaging industry, which demands high-quality construction and print surfaces for graphics. Our products are made primarily from wood fiber pulp.

History

Our company was owned directly or indirectly by Potlatch Corporation, or Potlatch, until our spin-off on December 16, 2008. In the spin-off, Potlatch distributed 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock to the holders of Potlatch common stock.

Unless the context otherwise requires or otherwise indicates, references in this report to Clearwater Paper Corporation, we, our, the company and us refer:

for all periods prior to the spin-off, to the consumer products and pulp and paperboard businesses separated from Potlatch in the spin-off; and

for all periods following the spin-off, to Clearwater Paper Corporation and its subsidiaries.

On December 27, 2010, we acquired Cellu Tissue Holdings, Inc., or Cellu Tissue, a tissue manufacturing and converting company whose customers included consumer retailers and AFH distributors of tissue products, vertically integrated manufacturers and third-party converters serving the tissue, foam and machine-glazed tissue sectors. Cellu Tissue sold product as finished cases and parent rolls.

Organization

Our businesses are organized into two reportable operating segments: Consumer Products and Pulp and Paperboard. Our Consumer Products segment manufactures and sells a complete line of at-home tissue products and also manufactures and sells away-from-home products. Our Consumer Products segment manufactures and markets consumer private label tissue products in each tissue category, including bathroom tissue, household paper towels, napkins and facial tissue. Our Pulp and Paperboard segment manufactures and markets bleached paperboard for the high-end segment of the packaging industry and is a leading producer of solid bleached sulfate paperboard. This segment also produces hardwood and softwood pulp, which is primarily used as the basis for our paperboard products, and slush pulp, which it supplies to our Consumer Products segment.

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SUMMARY OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Offering of Outstanding Notes

On January 23, 2013, we issued \$275,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023 to the initial purchasers in a private offering. The initial purchasers subsequently resold the outstanding notes to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act and to non-U.S. persons within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Registration Rights Agreement

Clearwater Paper, the guarantors and the initial purchasers have entered into a registration rights agreement for the exchange offer. The registration rights agreement requires that Clearwater Paper use commercially reasonable efforts to complete a registered exchange offer for the outstanding notes or cause to become effective a shelf registration statement for resales of the outstanding notes. The exchange offer is intended to satisfy our obligations under the registration rights agreement.

The Exchange Offer

We are offering to issue up to \$275,000,000 aggregate principal amount of our 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023, which have been registered under the Securities Act, for a like principal amount of our outstanding notes, which were offered without registration under the Securities Act. The form and terms of the exchange notes are the same as the form and terms of the outstanding notes except that (i) the exchange notes have been registered under the Securities Act, (ii) the exchange notes will not bear any legend restricting their transfer, (iii) the registration rights and additional interest provisions applicable to the outstanding notes do not apply to the exchange notes, and (iv) the exchange notes bear a different CUSIP number than the outstanding notes.

Procedures for Tendering Outstanding Notes

If you wish to accept the exchange offer, you must complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal, or a facsimile of the letter of transmittal, in accordance with the instructions contained in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal. You should then mail or otherwise deliver the letter of transmittal, or facsimile, together with the outstanding notes to be exchanged and any other required documentation, to the exchange agent at the address set forth in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal.

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By executing the letter of transmittal, you will represent to Clearwater Paper that, among other things:

you, or any person or entity receiving the exchange notes, are acquiring the exchange notes in the ordinary course of business;

neither you nor any person or entity receiving the exchange notes is engaging in or intends to engage in a distribution of the exchange notes within the meaning of the federal securities laws;

neither you nor any person or entity receiving the exchange notes has an arrangement or understanding with any person or entity to participate in any distribution of the exchange notes;

neither you nor any person or entity receiving the exchange notes is an affiliate of Clearwater Paper, as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act;

if you are a broker-dealer, you will receive the exchange notes for your own account in exchange for outstanding notes acquired as the result of market-making activities or other trading activities and that you will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the exchange notes; and

you are not acting on behalf of any person or entity that could not truthfully make these statements.

Alternatively, you may tender your outstanding notes by following the procedures for book-entry delivery or by complying with the guaranteed delivery procedures each described in this prospectus. See The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering.

Resales

Based on interpretations of the staff of the SEC, we believe that the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by you without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, provided that:

you are not a broker-dealer tendering notes acquired directly from us;

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you are not participating, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate, in the distribution of the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer; and

you are not an affiliate of Clearwater Paper.

If any of these conditions is not satisfied and you transfer any exchange notes issued to you in the exchange offer without delivering a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act or without an exemption from registration of your exchange notes from these requirements, you may incur liability under the Securities Act. Clearwater Paper will not assume and will not indemnify you against any such liability.

Each broker-dealer that is issued exchange notes in the exchange offer for its own account in exchange for outstanding notes, where such outstanding notes were acquired by that broker-dealer as a result of market-making or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale of the exchange notes. See Plan of Distribution.

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Expiration Date	The exchange offer will expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on July 16, 2013, unless extended. We do not currently intend to extend the exchange offer.
Conditions to the Exchange Offer	The exchange offer is subject to certain customary conditions, including that it does not violate any applicable law or SEC staff interpretation.
Guaranteed Delivery Procedures	If you wish to tender your outstanding notes and your outstanding notes are not immediately available or you cannot deliver your outstanding notes, the letter of transmittal or any other required documents, or you cannot comply with the applicable procedures under the Depository Trust Company's, or DTC's, Automated Tender Offer Program, prior to the expiration date, you must tender your outstanding notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth in this prospectus. See "The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering."
Special Procedures for Beneficial Owners	If you are the beneficial owner of book-entry interests and your name does not appear on a security position listing of DTC as the holder of the book-entry interests or if you are a beneficial owner of outstanding notes that are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and you wish to tender the book-entry interest or outstanding notes in the exchange offer, you should contact the person in whose name your book-entry interests or outstanding notes are registered promptly and instruct that person to tender on your behalf.
Effect of Not Tendering	Any outstanding notes that are not tendered or that are tendered but not accepted will remain subject to restrictions on transfer. Since the outstanding notes have not been registered under the Securities Act, they bear a legend restricting their transfer absent registration or the availability of a specific exemption from registration.
Interest on the Exchange Notes and the Outstanding Notes	The exchange notes will bear interest from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid on the outstanding notes. Interest on the outstanding notes accepted for exchange will cease to accrue upon the issuance of the exchange notes.
Withdrawal Right	Tenders of outstanding notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on July 16, 2013 by complying with the withdrawal procedures described in this prospectus. See "The Exchange Offer Withdrawal Rights."
Federal Income Tax Consequences	The exchange of outstanding notes for exchange notes will not be a taxable event for United States federal income tax purposes. You will not recognize any taxable gain or loss as a result of exchanging outstanding notes for exchange notes and you will have the same tax basis and holding period in the exchange notes as you had in the outstanding notes immediately before the exchange. See "Material United States Federal Income Tax Consequences."
Use of Proceeds	Clearwater Paper will not receive any proceeds from the issuance of exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer. See "Use of Proceeds."
Exchange Agent	U.S. Bank National Association is serving as exchange agent in connection with the exchange offer. The address and telephone number of the exchange agent are listed under the heading "The Exchange Offer Exchange Agent."

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SUMMARY TERMS OF THE EXCHANGE NOTES

Issuer	Clearwater Paper Corporation, a Delaware corporation
Notes Offered	\$275,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 4.50% Senior Notes due 2023
Maturity Date	February 1, 2023
Interest	Interest on the exchange notes will accrue at a rate of 4.50% per annum, payable semi-annually in cash in arrears on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing on August 1, 2013.
Guarantees	The exchange notes will be guaranteed by each of our existing direct and indirect subsidiaries (other than Interlake Acquisition Corporation Limited), and each future direct and indirect subsidiary of ours that is a domestic subsidiary and is not designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary by us. See Description of Exchange Notes Note Guarantees.
Ranking	The exchange notes and the guarantees will be general senior unsecured obligations of Clearwater Paper and the guarantors and will be: <p style="margin-left: 40px;">equal in right of payment with all of our and any guarantor s existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">senior in right of payment to all of our and any guarantor s future subordinated indebtedness;</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">effectively subordinated to all of our and any guarantor s existing and future secured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our senior secured revolving credit facility, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness; and</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">structurally subordinated to all of the existing and future liabilities, including trade payables, of our subsidiaries that do not guarantee the exchange notes.</p>
Optional Redemption	The exchange notes will be redeemable, in whole or in part, at any time on or after February 1, 2018 on the redemption dates and at the redemption prices specified under Description of Exchange Notes Optional Redemption. Prior to such date we may redeem some or all of the notes at a price of 100% of the principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, plus a make-whole premium. We may redeem up to 35% of the notes prior to February 1, 2016 with the net cash proceeds from one or more qualified equity offerings. See Description of Notes Optional Redemption.
Mandatory Offer to Repurchase	If we sell certain assets and do not apply the proceeds as required or experience specific kinds of changes of control, we must offer to repurchase the exchange notes at the prices set forth under Description of Exchange Notes Repurchase at the Option of Holders below.

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Certain Covenants

The covenants contained in the indenture under which the exchange notes will be issued will, among other things, limit our ability and the ability of any restricted subsidiaries to:

borrow money;

pay dividends, redeem or repurchase our capital stock;

make investments;

sell assets;

create restrictions on the payment of dividends or other amounts to us from our restricted subsidiaries;

enter into transactions with affiliates;

enter into sale and lease-back transactions;

create liens; and

consolidate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets.

In addition, the indenture will, among other things, require us to provide reports to holders of the exchange notes. These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions, limitations and qualifications which are described under Description of Exchange Notes.

No Established Trading Market

The exchange notes will not be listed on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. We cannot assure you that an active or liquid trading market for the exchange notes will develop. If an active or liquid trading market for the exchange notes does not develop, the market price and liquidity of the exchange notes may be adversely affected.

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Prior to our spin-off from Potlatch Corporation on December 16, 2008, we were a wholly-owned subsidiary of Potlatch Corporation. On December 16, 2008, Potlatch distributed 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of our common stock to the holders of Potlatch common stock.

During the period from December 16, 2008 through December 31, 2012, we operated as and were accounted for as a separate public company. Our results of operations and financial condition reflected in the table below cover periods prior to the spin-off and related transactions. The historical financial and other data for periods prior to the spin-off were prepared on a combined basis from Potlatch's consolidated financial statements using the historical results of operations and basis of the assets and liabilities of Potlatch's Consumer Products and Pulp and Paperboard businesses and its wood products operation at Lewiston, Idaho, and give effect to allocations of expenses from Potlatch. The following historical financial information for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2013 is derived from our unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements and supporting books and records. The unaudited historical financial information presented has been prepared on a basis consistent with our audited financial statements. In the opinion of management, such unaudited historical financial information reflects all adjustments consisting only of normal and recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for these periods. All other data has been derived from our audited financial statements. Our historical financial and other data is not necessarily indicative of our future performance nor do they necessarily reflect what our financial position and results of operations would have been had we operated as a separate, stand-alone entity prior to December 16, 2008. In addition, all amounts below for 2010 and thereafter reflect the acquisition of Cellu Tissue on December 27, 2010, including four days of Cellu Tissue's operating results and incurrence of acquisition related expenses.

This information should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and the notes related to those financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

(Dollars in thousands, except per share and share count amounts)

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	March 31, 2013	March 31, 2012
Net sales	\$ 1,874,304	\$ 1,927,973	\$ 1,372,965	\$ 1,250,069	\$ 1,255,309	\$ 460,824	\$ 457,798
Income from operations	145,387	115,445	98,767	297,440	28,484	12,483	25,648
Net earnings (loss) ¹	64,131	39,674	73,800	182,464	9,743	(882)	3,726
Working capital ²	293,733	390,839	394,346	452,583	14,022	369,574	343,751
Note payable to Potlatch					100,000		
Long-term debt, net of current portion	523,933	523,694	538,314	148,285		650,000	523,752
Stockholders' equity	540,894	484,904	468,349	363,736	180,989	491,425	481,294
Capital expenditures ³	207,115	137,743	47,033	19,328	21,306	13,363	50,191
Property, plant and equipment, net	877,377	735,566	654,456	364,024	389,867	871,745	768,339
Total assets	1,633,456	1,571,318	1,545,336	947,463	683,266	1,706,631	1,583,967
Basic net earnings (loss) per common share	2.75	1.73	3.22	8.03	0.43	(0.04)	0.16
Basic average common shares outstanding	23,299	22,914	22,947	22,721	22,710	22,884	23,079
Diluted net earnings (loss) per common share	2.72	1.66	3.12	7.75	0.43	(0.04)	0.16
Diluted average common shares outstanding	23,614	23,952	23,670	23,540	22,710	22,884	23,417

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- ¹ Income from operations for the year ended December 31, 2009, included \$170.6 million associated with the Alternative Fuel Mixture Tax Credit.
- ² Working capital is defined as our current assets less our current liabilities as presented on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- ³ Capital expenditures in 2012, 2011 and 2010 primarily include expenditures related to our through-air-dried tissue expansion project at our Shelby, North Carolina, and Las Vegas, Nevada, manufacturing and converting facilities.

Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

Our ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 was 1.9, 14.6, 3.8, 2.2 and 2.8, respectively, and 2.0 for the three months ended March 31, 2012. Earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges by \$15.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2013. See Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.

Risk Factors

You should carefully consider all of the information contained in this prospectus, including the discussion under the caption Risk Factors regarding specific risks involved in participating in the exchange offer.

Corporate Information

Our principal offices are located at 601 West Riverside, Suite 1100, Spokane, Washington, 99201, and our telephone number at that location is (509) 344-5900. Our website is www.clearwaterpaper.com. Our website and the information contained therein or connected thereto are not incorporated into this prospectus.

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RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the following risk factors in addition to the other information included in this prospectus before tendering your outstanding notes in the exchange offer. In addition, you should carefully consider the matters discussed under Risk Factors in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition, prospects, results of operations or cash flow could be materially and adversely affected. Additional risks or uncertainties not currently known to us, or that we currently deem immaterial, may also impair our business operations. We cannot assure you that any of the events discussed in the risk factors below will not occur and if such events do occur, you may lose all or part of your investment in the notes.

Risks Related to the Exchange Offer

You may have difficulty selling the outstanding notes that you do not exchange.

If you do not exchange your outstanding notes for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer, the outstanding notes you hold will continue to be subject to the existing transfer restrictions. The outstanding notes may not be offered, sold or otherwise transferred, except in compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act, pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and in compliance with applicable state securities laws. We do not anticipate that we will register the outstanding notes under the Securities Act. After the exchange offer is consummated, the trading market for the remaining untendered outstanding notes may be small and inactive. Consequently, you may find it difficult to sell any outstanding notes you continue to hold because there will be fewer outstanding notes of such series outstanding.

Failure to comply with the exchange offer procedures could prevent a holder from exchanging its outstanding notes.

Holders of the outstanding notes are responsible for complying with all exchange offer procedures. The issuance of exchange notes in exchange for outstanding notes will only occur upon completion of the procedures described in this prospectus under The Exchange Offer. Therefore, holders of outstanding notes who wish to exchange them for exchange notes should allow sufficient time for timely completion of the exchange procedure. Neither Clearwater Paper nor the exchange agent is obligated to extend the offer or notify you of any failure to follow the proper procedure.

Some holders of the exchange notes may be required to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act.

If you exchange your outstanding notes in the exchange offer for the purpose of participating in a distribution of the exchange notes, you may be deemed to have received restricted securities and, if so, you will be required to comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction.

In addition, a broker-dealer that purchased outstanding notes for its own account as part of market-making or trading activities must deliver a prospectus when it sells the exchange notes it received in the exchange offer. Our obligation to make this prospectus available to broker-dealers is limited. We cannot assure you that a proper prospectus will be available to broker-dealers wishing to resell their exchange notes.

Risks Related to Our Business

The expansion of our TAD tissue offerings may not proceed as anticipated.

In connection with our long-term growth strategy, we recently built a new TAD paper machine and installed four converting lines at our facility in Shelby, North Carolina and upgraded our TAD manufacturing capabilities at our Las Vegas, Nevada facility. As these are recently completed projects, we are still in the process of optimizing the operation of the new and upgraded equipment, the quality of the TAD products being produced at

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these facilities, the converting and distribution of our TAD and existing tissue products and the sales mix of our new TAD product offerings with existing product lines. We are also working with existing customers as well as new customers to develop marketing and sales programs in connection with the new TAD products. These ongoing efforts entail numerous risks, including potential mechanical and other operational problems in the start-up phase of operations of this complex manufacturing equipment, difficulties in integrating the new TAD products with existing products, difficulties in integrating the new operations and personnel with our other tissue operations and market acceptance of the new TAD products. Any of these risks, if realized, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity. In addition, such events could also divert management's attention from other business concerns.

Additionally, over the past few years, several new or refurbished TAD paper machines have been completed or announced by our competitors, including private label competitors, that will result in a substantial increase in the supply of TAD tissue in the North American market. This increase in supply of TAD products, as well as the effects of that increased supply in displacing existing conventional tissue product sales, could have a material adverse effect on the price of TAD tissue products and on the market demand for conventional tissue products, which will continue to represent a majority of our total production for the foreseeable future.

The loss of, or a significant reduction in, orders from, or changes in prices in regards to, any of our large customers could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.

In 2012, our Consumer Products segment derived approximately 32% of its net sales and we derived approximately 19% of our total net sales from three customers. If we lose any of these customers or if the terms of our relationship with them becomes less favorable to us, our net sales would decline, which would harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. We have experienced increased price and promotion competition for our consumer products customers, which can decrease our gross margins and adversely affect our financial condition. Some of our customers have the capability to produce the parent rolls or products themselves that they purchase from us. Our Pulp and Paperboard segment sells its products to a large number of customers, although certain customers have historically purchased a significant amount of our pulp or paperboard products.

We do not have long-term contracts with any of our customers, including our largest customers, that ensure a continuing level of business from them. In addition, our agreements with our customers are not exclusive and generally do not contain minimum volume purchase commitments. Our relationship with our large customers will depend on our ability to continue to meet their needs for quality products and services at competitive prices. If we lose one or more of these customers or if we experience a significant decline in the level of purchases by any of them, we may not be able to quickly replace the lost business volume and our operating results and business could be harmed. In addition, our focus on these large accounts could affect our ability to serve our smaller accounts, particularly when product supply is tight and we are not able to fully satisfy orders for these smaller accounts.

We have increased our dependence on external sources of wood pulp, which subjects our business and results of operations to potentially significant fluctuations in the price of market pulp.

In 2010, our Consumer Products segment sourced approximately 65% of its annual pulp supply from our Pulp and Paperboard segment, while the Cellu Tissue operations we acquired historically relied entirely on external suppliers for wood pulp. Consequently, due to the integration of the Cellu Tissue operations at the end of 2010, our Consumer Products segment sourced approximately 71% of its pulp requirements externally during 2012. The increased dependence on external sources of wood pulp increases our exposure to fluctuations in prices for wood pulp, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our financial results, operations and cash flows.

Pulp prices can change, and have changed, significantly from one period to the next. For example, our external pulp costs decreased 17% from 2011 to 2012. The volatility of pulp prices can adversely affect our earnings if we are unable to pass cost increases on to our customers or if the timing of any price increases for our products significantly trails the increases in pulp prices. We have not hedged these risks.

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Changes in the cost and availability of wood fiber used in production of our products may adversely affect our results of operations and cash flow.

Wood fiber is the principal raw material used to create wood pulp, which in turn is used to manufacture our pulp and paperboard products and consumer products. In 2012, our wood fiber costs were 10.1% of our cost of sales. Much of the wood fiber we use in our pulp manufacturing process in Lewiston, Idaho, is the by-product of sawmill operations. As a result, the price of these residual wood fibers is affected by operating levels in the lumber industry. The significant reduction in home building over the past four years resulted in the closure or curtailment of operations at many sawmills. The price of wood fiber is expected to remain volatile until the housing market recovers and sawmill operations increase. Additionally, the supply and price of wood fiber can be negatively affected by weather and other events.

The effects on market prices for wood fiber resulting from various governmental programs involving tax credits or payments related to biomass and other renewable energy projects are uncertain and could result in a reduction in the supply of wood fiber available for our pulp and paperboard manufacturing operations. If we and our pulp suppliers are unable to obtain wood fiber at favorable prices or at all, our costs will increase and financial results, operations and cash flows may be materially adversely affected.

We incur significant expenses to maintain our manufacturing equipment and any interruption in the operations of our facilities may harm our operating performance.

We regularly incur significant expenses to maintain our manufacturing equipment and facilities. The machines and equipment that we use to produce our products are complex, have many parts and some are run on a continuous basis. We must perform routine maintenance on our equipment and will have to periodically replace a variety of parts such as motors, pumps, pipes and electrical parts. In addition, our pulp and paperboard facilities require periodic shutdowns to perform major maintenance. These scheduled shutdowns of facilities result in decreased sales and increased costs in the periods in which a shutdown occurs and could result in unexpected operational issues in future periods as a result of changes to equipment and operational and mechanical processes made during the shutdown period.

Unexpected production disruptions could cause us to shut down or curtail operations at any of our facilities. For example, in 2011 we curtailed operations at our Cypress Bend, Arkansas, pulp and paperboard facility as the result of an electrical malfunction and curtailed operations at our Wiggins, Mississippi, consumer products facility as the result of a fire. Disruptions could occur due to any number of circumstances, including prolonged power outages, mechanical or process failures, shortages of raw materials, natural catastrophes, disruptions in the availability of transportation, labor disputes, terrorism, changes in or non-compliance with environmental or safety laws and the lack of availability of services from any of our facilities' key sole suppliers. Any facility shutdowns may be followed by prolonged startup periods, regardless of the reason for the shutdown. Those startup periods could range from several days to several weeks, depending on the reason for the shutdown and other factors. Any prolonged disruption in operations at any of our facilities could cause significant lost production, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Increases in our transportation costs or disruptions in our transportation services could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our business, particularly our Consumer Products business, is dependent on transportation services to deliver our products to our customers and to deliver raw materials to us. In 2012, our transportation costs were 10.6% of our cost of sales. The costs of these transportation services are primarily determined by fuel prices, which have steadily increased since 2008 and are affected by geopolitical and economic events. We have not been in the past, and may not be in the future, able to pass along part or all of any fuel price increases to customers. If we are unable to increase our prices as a result of increased fuel costs charged to us by transportation providers, our gross margins may be materially adversely affected.

If any transportation providers fail to deliver raw materials to us in a timely manner, we may be unable to manufacture products on a timely basis. Shipments of products and raw materials may be delayed due to weather conditions, labor strikes or other events. Any failure of a third-party transportation provider to deliver raw materials or products in a timely manner could harm our reputation, negatively affect our customer relationships and have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

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The cost of chemicals and energy needed for our manufacturing processes significantly affects our business.

We use a variety of chemicals in our manufacturing processes, including latex and polyethylene, many of which are petroleum-based chemicals. In 2012, our chemical costs were 11.5% of our cost of sales. Prices for these chemicals have been and are expected to remain volatile. In addition, chemical suppliers that use petroleum-based products in the manufacture of their chemicals may, due to supply shortages and cost increases, ration the amount of chemicals available to us, and therefore we may not be able to obtain at favorable prices the chemicals we need to operate our business, if we are able to obtain them at all.

Our manufacturing operations utilize large amounts of electricity and natural gas and our energy requirements, particularly the use of natural gas, will increase significantly as a result of operations at our North Carolina facility. In 2012, our energy costs were 6.8% of our cost of sales. Energy prices have fluctuated widely over the past decade, which in turn affects our cost of sales. We purchase on the open market a substantial portion of the natural gas necessary to produce our products, and, as a result, the price and other terms of those purchases are subject to change based on factors such as worldwide supply and demand, geopolitical events, government regulation, and natural disasters. Our energy costs in future periods will depend principally on our ability to produce a substantial portion of our electricity needs internally, on changes in market prices for natural gas and on reducing energy usage.

Any significant energy shortage or significant increase in our energy costs in circumstances where we cannot raise the price of our products could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Any disruption in the supply of energy could also affect our ability to meet customer demand in a timely manner and could harm our reputation.

Larger competitors have operational and other advantages over our operations.

The markets for our products are highly competitive, and companies that have substantially greater financial resources compete with us in each market. Some of our competitors have advantages over us, including lower raw material and labor costs and better access to the inputs of our products.

Our Consumer Products business faces competition from companies that produce the same type of products that we produce or that produce alternative products that customers may use instead of our products. Our Consumer Products business competes with the branded tissue products producers, such as Procter & Gamble, and branded label producers who manufacture branded and private label products, such as Georgia-Pacific and Kimberly-Clark. These companies are far larger than us, have much greater sales, marketing and research and development resources than we do, and enjoy significant cost advantages due to economies of scale. In addition, because of their size and resources, these companies may foresee market trends more accurately than we do and develop new technologies that render our products less attractive or obsolete.

Our ability to successfully compete in the pulp and paperboard industry is influenced by a number of factors, including manufacturing capacity, general economic conditions and the availability and demand for paperboard substitutes. Our Pulp and Paperboard business competes with International Paper, MeadWestvaco, Georgia-Pacific, RockTenn and international producers, most of whom are much larger than us. Any increase in manufacturing capacity by any of these or other producers could result in overcapacity in the pulp and paperboard industry, which could cause downward pressure on pricing. For example, several new, large paperboard manufacturing facilities in China have recently been, or soon will be, completed, the output of which is expected to increase paperboard supplies on the international market. In addition, customers could choose to use types of paperboard that we do not produce or could rely on alternative materials, such as plastic, for their products. An increased supply of any of these products could cause us to lower our prices or lose sales to competitors, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

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The consolidation of paperboard converting businesses, including through the acquisition and integration of such converting business by larger competitors of ours, could result in a loss of customers and sales on the part of our Pulp and Paperboard business, which does not include paperboard converting facilities or capabilities. A loss of paperboard customers or sales as a result of consolidations and integrations could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Changes in demand for certain products could adversely affect our financial results.

Our ability to compete successfully depends on our ability to adjust to increases and decreases in demand. If we are unable to respond to increases in demand, we may need to limit deliveries of some orders for existing customers, which could harm our reputation and our long-term relationships with these customers. Currently, we are unable to meet all of the demand from existing and potential customers for bathroom tissue due to very high demand. Alternatively, if we experience a decrease in demand for certain products, we may incur significant costs in revising our manufacturing plan. If we are not able to respond to changes in demand for our products in a timely manner, our financial position, results of operations and cash flows may be adversely affected.

Competitors' branded products and private label TAD products could have an adverse effect on our financial results.

Our consumer products compete with well-known, branded products, as well as other private label products. Inherent risks in our competitive strategy include whether our products will receive direct and retail customer acceptance, new product offerings by competitors, the effects of consolidation within retailer and distribution channels, and price competition from companies that may have greater financial resources than we do. We have only recently completed new, or upgraded existing, TAD facilities that allow us to produce TAD bathroom tissue. If we are unable to offer our existing customers, or new customers, tissue products comparable to branded products or private label competitive TAD products, and in sufficient quantities, we may lose business or we may not be able to grow our existing business and be forced to sell lower-margin products, all of which could negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Increased competition and supply from foreign manufacturers could have adverse effects on the demand for our products and financial results.

Foreign manufacturers, particularly in Asia, are currently increasing, and are expected to continue to increase, their paper production capabilities, particularly of paperboard. This, in turn, may result in increased competition in the North American paper markets from direct sales by foreign competitors into these markets and/or increased competition in the U.S. as domestic manufacturers seek increased U.S. sales to offset displaced overseas sales caused by increased sales by Asian suppliers into those markets. An increased supply of Asian paper products could cause us to lower our prices or lose sales to competitors, either of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

Our qualification to retain, or ability to utilize, tax credits associated with alternative fuels or cellulosic biofuels and the tax treatment associated with receipt of such credits are uncertain.

In 2009, we received refundable federal tax credit payments in connection with our use of black liquor, a by-product of the pulp manufacturing process, in an alternative fuel mixture to produce energy at our pulp mills. The amount of the refundable tax credit was equal to \$0.50 per gallon of alternative fuel mixture used. This tax credit expired on December 31, 2009. In 2009, we recorded pre-tax income of \$170.6 million related to the Alternative Fuel Mixture Tax Credit, or AFMTC. We have not recorded any pre-tax income since 2009 relating to the AFMTC.

There is relatively little guidance regarding the AFMTC and the law governing the issue is complex. Accordingly, there remains uncertainty as to our qualification to receive the tax credit in 2009, as well as to whether we will be entitled to retain the amounts we received upon further review by the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS. In addition, while it is our position that payments received or credits taken in relation to the AFMTC should not be subject to corporate income tax, there can be no assurance as to whether or not the amounts we have received will be subject to taxation. As of December 31, 2012 we have recorded accrued taxes on uncertain tax positions related to the AFMTC of \$68.3 million. In 2012, the IRS began conducting an audit of our 2008 to 2011 tax years, which includes a review of our black liquor tax credits.

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We are also registered with the IRS as a cellulosic biofuel producer, which enables us to claim the \$1.01 per gallon Cellulosic Biofuel Producer Credit, or CBPC, in regards to black liquor produced and used as a fuel by us at our pulp mills in 2009. We have changed, and may in the future make additional changes in, our position as to some or all of the credits we claimed under the AFMTC on our 2009 federal income tax form, provided we believe we will have sufficient future federal taxable earnings to enable us to carry forward the credits potentially available under the CBPC. There can be no assurance that we will be able to fully utilize the CBPC. Congress has identified the elimination or modification of the CBPC in connection with black liquor as a possible revenue source. Such legislative action could limit or eliminate our ability to convert AFMTC gallons to CBPC gallons and/or CBPC gallons to AFMTC gallons and, accordingly, limit or eliminate our ability to claim carry forward credits.

We are subject to significant environmental regulation and environmental compliance expenditures, which could increase our costs and subject us to liabilities.

We are subject to various federal, state and foreign environmental laws and regulations concerning, among other things, water discharges, air emissions, hazardous material and waste management and environmental cleanup. Environmental laws and regulations continue to evolve and we may become subject to increasingly stringent environmental standards in the future, particularly under air quality and water quality laws and standards related to climate change issues, such as reporting of greenhouse gas emissions. Increased regulatory activity at the state, federal and international level is possible regarding climate change as well as other emerging environmental issues associated with our manufacturing sites. Compliance with regulations that implement new public policy in these areas might require significant expenditures on our part.

We are required to comply with environmental laws and the terms and conditions of multiple environmental permits. In particular, the pulp and paper industry in the United States is subject to several performance based rules associated with effluent and air emissions as a result of certain of its manufacturing processes. Federal, state and local laws and regulations require us to routinely obtain authorizations from and comply with the evolving standards of the appropriate governmental authorities, which have considerable discretion over the terms of permits. Failure to comply with environmental laws and permit requirements could result in civil or criminal fines or penalties or enforcement actions, including regulatory or judicial orders enjoining or curtailing our operations or requiring us to take corrective measures, install pollution control equipment, or take other remedial actions, such as product recalls or labeling changes. We also may be required to make additional expenditures, which could be significant, relating to environmental matters on an ongoing basis.

In 2012, we were notified that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, submitted a civil referral to the U.S. Department of Justice, or DOJ, alleging violations of the Clean Air Act stemming from an EPA investigation at our Lewiston, Idaho pulp facility. Prior to the filing of any formal action, we and the DOJ have agreed to discuss the resolution of the allegations, and the parties have entered into an agreement to toll the statute of limitations. The tolling agreement expires on October 31, 2013, unless further extended by the parties. Discussions with the DOJ and EPA are ongoing. However, this matter could result in civil penalties or enforcement actions, including regulatory or judicial orders enjoining or curtailing our operations or requiring us to take corrective measures, install pollution control equipment, or take other remedial actions.

We own properties, conduct or have conducted operations at properties, and have assumed indemnity obligations in connection with our spin-off in 2008 from Potlatch, for properties or operations where hazardous materials have been or were used for many years, including during periods before careful management of these materials was required or generally believed to be necessary. Consequently, we will continue to be subject to risks under environmental laws that impose liability for historical releases of hazardous substances. There can be no assurance that future environmental permits will be granted or that we will be able to maintain and renew existing permits, and the failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

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We rely on information technology in critical areas of our operations, and a disruption relating to such technology could harm our financial condition.

We use information technology, or IT, systems in various aspects of our operations, including enterprise resource planning, management of inventories and customer sales. Some of these systems have been in place for long periods of time. Additionally, with the acquisition of Cellu Tissue, we have different legacy IT systems which we are continuing to integrate. If one of these systems was to fail, or if we decide to change these systems or hire outside parties to provide these systems, we may suffer disruptions, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. In addition, we may underestimate the costs and expenses of developing and implementing new systems.

United States and global economic conditions could have adverse effects on the demand for our products and financial results.

U.S. and global economic conditions have negatively affected and may continue to negatively affect our business and financial results. For example, the away-from-home consumer paper products market has experienced a decline because of the slowdown in the travel and restaurant industries as a result of the ongoing economic downturn. Recessed economic conditions affect our business in a number of ways, including causing: (i) increased pressure for price concessions from customers; (ii) declines in domestic and global demand for paperboard; (iii) shifts in customer purchases that affect the mix of our product sales; (iv) decreased or low housing starts, which increase production costs due to lower wood fiber supplies; and (v) financial distress or insolvency for certain customers which could affect our sales volumes or our ability to collect accounts receivable on a timely basis from those customers. Additionally, changes in currency exchange rates affect U.S. supplies of paper products, particularly paperboard, as both foreign and domestic manufacturers may be able to compete more effectively based on price in the U.S. or foreign markets. Increased competition in foreign markets can in turn result in increased competition in the U.S. as domestic manufacturers seek increased U.S. sales to offset displaced overseas sales.

Our company-sponsored pension plans and one of our multiemployer pension plans are currently underfunded, and over time we will be required to make cash payments to the plans, reducing cash available for our business.

We have company-sponsored pension plans covering certain of our salaried and hourly employees. The significant decline in the securities markets beginning in 2008 and resulting substantial decline in the value of equity and fixed income investments held by these plans, coupled with a low interest rate environment resulting in higher liability valuations, have caused these plans to be underfunded so that the projected benefit obligation exceeds the aggregate fair value of plan assets. At December 31, 2012, our company sponsored pension plans were underfunded in the aggregate by approximately \$78.7 million. As a result of underfunding, we are required to make contributions to our qualified pension plans. In 2012, we contributed \$20.6 million to these pension plans. We may be required to make increased annual contributions to our pension plans in future years, which would reduce the cash available for business and other needs.

We also contribute to two multiemployer pension plans. The amount of our annual contributions to each of these plans is negotiated with the plan and the bargaining unit representing our employees covered by the plan. In 2012, we contributed approximately \$6 million to these plans and in future years we may be required to make increased annual contributions, which would reduce the cash available for business and other needs. In addition, in the event of a partial or complete withdrawal by us from any multiemployer plan that is underfunded, we would be liable for a proportionate share of such multiemployer plan's unfunded vested benefits, referred to as a withdrawal liability. A withdrawal liability is considered a contingent liability. Based on the limited information available from the plan administrator of one of our multiemployer plans, which we cannot independently validate, we believe that our portion of the contingent liability in the case of a full withdrawal from or termination of that plan would likely be material to our financial position and results of operations. In the event that any other contributing employer withdraws from any multiemployer plan that is underfunded, and such employer cannot satisfy its obligations under the multiemployer plan at the time of withdrawal, then we, along with the other remaining contributing employers, would be liable for our proportionate share of such plan's unfunded vested benefits which could result in an increase to our required annual contributions.

Our pension and health care costs are subject to numerous factors which could cause these costs to change.

In addition to our pension plans, we provide retiree health care benefits to certain of our current and former U.S. salaried and hourly employees. Our retiree health care costs vary with changes in health care costs generally, which have significantly exceeded general economic inflation rates for many years. Our pension costs are dependent upon numerous factors resulting from actual plan experience and assumptions about future investment returns.

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Pension plan assets are primarily made up of equity and fixed income investments. Fluctuations in actual equity market returns as well as changes in general interest rates may result in increased pension costs in future periods. Likewise, changes in assumptions regarding current discount rates and expected rates of return on plan assets could also increase pension costs. Significant changes in any of these factors may adversely impact our cash flows, financial condition and results of operations.

Cyclical industry conditions have in the past affected and may continue to adversely affect the operating results and cash flow of our Pulp and Paperboard business.

Our Pulp and Paperboard business is particularly affected by cyclical market conditions. We may be unable to sustain pricing in the face of weaker demand, and weaker demand may in turn cause us to take production downtime. In addition to lost revenue from lower shipment volumes, production downtime causes unabsorbed fixed manufacturing costs due to lower production levels. Our results of operations and cash flows may be materially adversely affected in a period of prolonged and significant market weakness. We are not able to predict market conditions or our ability to sustain pricing and production levels during periods of weak demand.

We rely on a limited number of third-party suppliers for certain raw materials required for the production of our products.

Our dependence on a limited number of third-party suppliers, and the challenges we may face in obtaining adequate supplies of raw materials, involve several risks, including limited control over pricing, availability, quality, and delivery schedules. We cannot be certain that our current suppliers will continue to provide us with the quantities of these raw materials that we require or will continue to satisfy our anticipated specifications and quality requirements. Any supply interruption in limited raw materials could materially harm our ability to manufacture our products until a new source of supply, if any, could be identified and qualified. Although we believe there are other suppliers of these raw materials, we may be unable to find a sufficient alternative supply channel in a reasonable time or on commercially reasonable terms. Any performance failure on the part of our suppliers could interrupt production of our products, which would have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our business and financial performance may be harmed by future labor disruptions.

As of December 31, 2012, 52% of our full-time employees are represented by unions under collective bargaining agreements. As these agreements expire, we may not be able to negotiate extensions or replacement agreements on terms acceptable to us. Currently the collective bargaining agreement at our Neenah, Wisconsin facility is under negotiation. Any failure to reach an agreement with one of the unions may result in strikes, lockouts or other labor actions. Any such labor actions, including work slowdowns in the future or stoppages, could have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial results.

Additional expansion of our business through construction of new facilities or acquisitions may not proceed as anticipated.

In addition to the acquisition of Cellu Tissue and construction of our North Carolina facility, in the future we may build other converting and papermaking facilities, pursue acquisitions of existing facilities, or both. We may be unable to identify future suitable building locations or acquisition targets. In addition, we may be unable to achieve anticipated benefits or cost savings from construction projects or acquisitions in the timeframe we anticipate, or at all. Any inability by us to integrate and manage any new or acquired facilities or businesses in a timely and efficient manner, any inability to achieve anticipated cost savings or other anticipated benefits from these projects or acquisitions in the time frame we anticipate or any unanticipated required increases in promotional or capital spending could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. Large construction projects or acquisitions can result in a decrease in our cash and short-term investments, an increase in our indebtedness, or both, and also may limit our ability to access additional capital when needed and divert management's attention from other business concerns.

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Risks Related to Our Indebtedness and the Notes

The indenture for the exchange notes, the indenture for our 2010 notes and the credit agreement governing our senior secured revolving credit facility, contain various covenants that limit our discretion in the operation of our business.

The indenture governing the exchange notes and our 2010 notes and the credit agreement governing our senior secured revolving credit facility, contain various provisions that limit our discretion in the operation of our business by restricting our ability to:

undergo a change in control;

sell assets;

pay dividends and make other distributions;

make investments and other restricted payments;

redeem or repurchase our capital stock;

incur additional debt and issue preferred stock;

create liens;

consolidate, merge, or sell substantially all of our assets;

enter into certain transactions with our affiliates;

engage in new lines of business; and

enter into sale and lease-back transactions.

These restrictions on our ability to operate our business in our discretion could seriously harm our business by, among other things, limiting our ability to take advantage of financing, merger and acquisition and other corporate opportunities. In addition, our senior secured revolving credit facility requires, among other things, that we maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.0-to-1.0 when availability falls below \$50 million or an event of default exists. Events beyond our control could affect our ability to meet this financial test, and we cannot assure you that we will meet it.

Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our cash flow and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations, including obligations associated with the notes.

As of March 31, 2013, we had approximately \$650 million of indebtedness. Our level of indebtedness could restrict our operations and could have important consequences to you. For example, it could:

make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the notes;

increase our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;

require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital and capital expenditures, and for other general corporate purposes;

limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and industry, which may place us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and

limit, along with the financial and other restrictive covenants in our indebtedness, among other things, our ability to borrow additional funds.

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Despite current indebtedness levels, we may still be able to incur substantially more debt. This could further increase the risks associated with our substantial leverage.

We may incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. The terms of our credit agreement governing our senior secured revolving credit facility and the indentures governing the exchange notes and our 2010 notes will allow us and our subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness subject to limitations. As of March 31, 2013, we had approximately an additional \$118.2 million of unused commitments available to be borrowed under our senior secured revolving credit facility. If new debt is added to our current debt levels, or any debt is incurred by our subsidiaries, the related risks that we and they now face could increase.

To service our indebtedness, we must generate significant cash flows. Our ability to generate cash depends on many factors beyond our control.

Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness, including the exchange notes, and to fund planned capital expenditures, will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future borrowings will be available to us under our senior secured revolving credit facility in an amount sufficient to enable us to