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MillsOnline Updates

Among recent updates to the MillsOnline database of pulp and paper mills are the following:

- The mill at Park Falls, WI, formerly owned by SMART Papers, LLC has changed hands. It is now owned by Flambeau River Papers, LLC.
- The mill in Versailles, CT, has been sold to Cascades, Inc. and will operate under the name "Cascades Boxboard Group-Connecticut, LLC, Versailles Mill." The mill was previously owned by Carastar Industries, Inc.
- The former SMART Papers, LLC mill in Hamilton, OH has been sold to Plainfield Asset Management.

To access MillsOnline, just click on the map at <http://www.cpbis.gatech.edu/millsonline>. Locations of mills in that state will appear, with quick links to information about the mill and the community in which the mill operates. The data cover a total of 655 mills in the U.S.

Deborah Ann McNutt Memorial Scholarship Established

Beginning with the January 2007 TAPPI/PIMA Student Summit, Hercules will contribute \$2000 per year for the next five years to fund the travel costs for four students (\$500 each) who attend the Student Summit.

The purpose of this scholarship is to honor the memory of Deborah Ann McNutt and to encourage participation in PIMA/TAPPI activities and attendance at the PIMA/TAPPI Student Summit.

Debbie McNutt, wife of long-time industry participant and PIMA and TAPPI member Jim McNutt (currently Executive Director of CPBIS and PIMA Board Member), passed away in July after a long and courageously fought illness.

For further details, and application procedures, see http://www.tappi.org/s_tappi/sec.asp?CID=33&DID=34

CPBIS to Have Strong Presence at Upcoming TAPPI/PIMA Meeting

By Colleen Walker

CPBIS will contribute three sessions to the program for the 2007 TAPPI Papermakers & PIMA International Leadership Conference, to be held in Jacksonville, FL at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Waterfront, March 11-15, 2007. The first of these, "Trends in Digital Printing," will examine, from both academic and industrial viewpoints: the relative importance of the different properties of digital papers; factors underlying purchase decisions; gaps in currently-available digital grades; and the effect of competition on turnover rates in digital printing as compared to traditional printing. In the second CPBIS session, "Innovation: The Key to Industry Competitiveness," industry experts will outline the need for innovation and potential pathways to achieving it. The third session, "Trends and Issues in Emerging Markets," will examine emerging markets, such as those in China, India and Russia, from industry and financial viewpoints.

Upcoming Events

TAPPI/PIMA Student Summit, January 13-15, Charleston Riverview Hotel, Charleston, SC.

CPBIS Board of Executives Meeting, February 22, 2007, Atlanta, Georgia.

CPBIS at the 2007 TAPPI Papermakers & PIMA International Leadership Conference, Jacksonville, Florida, March 11-15, 2007. (See article above)■