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Safety

OSHA Injury and Illness Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements – The 2016 Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses (Form 300A) must be posted in workplaces from February through April in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted. The records must be maintained at the worksite for at least five years. Also, if requested, copies of the records must be provided to current and former employees, or their representatives.

To get OSHA’s Injury and Illness Recordkeeping Forms 300, 300A and 301, copy and paste the following link into your browser: https://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping/RKforms.html

USW Local 2-1017 – Dunn Paper – Port Huron, MI – Company Cited for Machine Guarding and Other Violations – Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued citations to Dunn Paper Inc., in Port Huron for safety and health violations. MIOSHA inspectors determined that the company failed to adequately protect workers from amputation hazards posed by cooling fan blades, spinning flywheels and belts and pulleys. The company was also cited for failing to provide fall prevention barriers around an open-sided elevated platform and open holes, and for not properly training workers on the safe use of rented aerial work platforms.

Industry Update

Sappi Plans to Increase its Output of Dissolving Pulp in South Africa and U.S. – According to Sappi’s CEO Steve Binnie, based on estimated global demand growth for Dissolving Pulp of 4-5% per year, Sappi is planning to raise its own production by around 500,000 tonnes/yr during the next five years.

At Sappi’s Cloquet mill in Minnesota, about two-thirds of its capacity is being utilized to produce DP, with the remainder dedicated to integrated hardwood pulp production. Going forward, however, Sappi expects to utilize the full DP capacity at the plant, meaning an additional output of 100,000 tonnes/yr, said Binnie.

At its Ngodwana and Saiccor mills in South Africa, the firm will raise capacity by up to 100,000 tonnes/yr during the course of this year and next, bolstering its existing one million tonne/yr DP capacity in the country, Binnie said in the firm’s 2016 annual report.

In its results presentation for Q4, Sappi said capex expenditure for this year would increase by some $350 million, with $150 million of that going for maintenance and $200 million for efficiency and expansion projects.

The Better Practices, Better Planet 2020 sustainability project includes one of the most extensive sets of sustainability goals established for a U.S. manufacturing industry. In its 2016 Sustainability Report, AF&PA announced that GHG emissions from member facilities were reduced by 16 percent, surpassing the 15 percent reduction goal ahead of schedule.

For a detailed view of the industry’s measurable sustainability progress, copy and paste the following link into your browser: http://sustainability.afandpa.org.

Georgia-Pacific Appoints New CEO – Georgia-Pacific has named Containerboard and Packaging top Executive, Christian Fischer, as the new President and CEO of the company. Fischer replaced Jim Hannan who previously served in this role since 2007.

For the last decade, Fischer, who started with GP in 1989, has been Executive VP of the Packaging and Cellulose Units. Before that, he held positions that included European Sales Manager of Market Pulp, Director of Market Pulp Sales for North and South America, Director of Global Market Pulp Sales, Senior Director of Containerboard Sales, Senior VP of Packaging Sales and Logistics, and Group President of Packaging.

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