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Paper Excellence Enters Into Agreement To Acquire Domtar For \$55.50 Per Share In Cash



By *Rosalind Russell* - Domtar shares have been sold to a company based out of British Columbia.

Paper Excellence and Domtar have entered into a strategic business deal with the Paper Excellence group of companies acquiring all Domtar common stock for \$55.50 per share in American dollars.

The all-cash transaction represents an enterprise value of approximately \$3 billion dollars U.S.

After the transaction closes, sometime in late fall, Paper Excellence intends to continue the operations of Domtar as a stand-alone business entity.

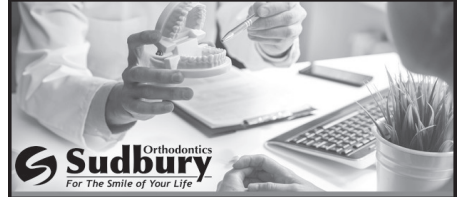
As such, Domtar will continue to be led by its management team and Paper Excellence plans to retain its corporate and production locations.

Joe Ragan, Global Chief Financial Officer of Paper Excellence, commented, "We are excited to add Domtar and its employees to the Paper Excellence global family. This marks a

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major step in our global strategy of identifying well-positioned assets and positioning them for growth. Domtar is a natural fit for our culture of operational excellence. We are enthusiastic about entering the American market as we continually improve Paper Excellence's ability to serve its expanding blue-chip customer base."

"We have long admired Domtar's expansive global footprint and believe that it will be a valuable addition to Paper Excellence. We look forward to investing in Domtar's assets and people for long-term growth," concluded Ragan.

"This agreement enables our shareholders to realize certain and immediate cash value at a significant premium for their shares," says John D. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of Domtar. "This

transaction validates our long-term strategic plan for our leading paper and pulp businesses, and for our continued expansion into packaging."

"Our dedicated employees have been instrumental to Domtar's success and I am glad to see that this transaction supports the strategy that our team has worked so hard to develop over the last several years," continued Williams. "As part of Paper Excellence, we will build on that momentum."

The agreement has been unanimously approved by the Domtar Board of Directors. The transaction is expected to close in the second half of 2021, subject to Domtar shareholder approval, receipt of the required regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions.

To learn more, visit www.domtar.com.

Mother And Son Walk Take Part In ALS Walk For Memere



mother Rita Poirier who died April 5th following a five-year battle with the disease.

According to ALS.ca, "ALS is a disease that gradually paralyzes people because the brain is no longer able to communicate with the muscles of the body that we are typically able to move at will."

Melanie says it is a devastating disease that impacts the whole family by taking away every ability to take care of even your most basic needs.

She says this is the third year she will participate in the walk with people doing their own walk in their own communities due to COVID-19.

An Espanola woman and her son will walk in memory of a close family member who recently passed away from ALS.

Melanie Poirier says she and her son, Thomas Haarmeyer, will walk in memory of her

Anyone wishing to support her efforts by making a pledge are asked to visit the link below.

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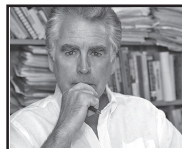
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Recipe

This is our favourite salad at our house, and when I say favourite, I mean we eat it at least 3 times a week. I buy romaine lettuce, wash it, cut it and keep it ready in the fridge for this salad. It doesn't contain a lot of ingredients and is very simple to make, but the sweetness of the oranges and the nuttiness of the pecans, blended with the slightly sweet dressing, is a perfect mix. I prefer this dressing made specifically with vegetable or canola oil. It makes enough dressing for a couple salads.

Romaine Salad with Oranges and Pecans

- 1 head of romaine lettuce or 2 romaine hearts
- ½ -1 can of mandarin oranges
- ¾ to 1 cup pecan halves
- 1 tsp salt
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
- 2 tsp honey
- 1 cup vegetable or canola oil

Wash and prepare lettuce. In a small bowl, or a jar; mix salt, pepper and dry mustard. Stir in the vinegar and honey. Add the oil. Whisk or shake in a jar. Place salad, drained mandarin oranges and pecans in a large bowl. Pour some of the dressing over the salad and toss. Add as much or as little dressing as you like.

Hydro Outages Set For End Of The Month For Upgrades

Espanola Hydro and Hydro One both have planned power outages for the end of the month to upgrade the lines and equipment. Both utilities have planned the outage for Sunday, May 30th from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The areas affected include Espanola, Sables-Spanish Rivers Township, Nairn & Hyman Township, and the Township of Baldwin as well as unorganized areas accessing the utility services.

First Nations Wait For Judge's Ruling Of Appeals

First Nation litigants are now waiting for the judge's final ruling. Late last month, the Ontario Court of Appeals heard arguments into the appeal of annuities under the Robinson-Huron Treaty and the Ontario government. With concluding arguments held on April 28th, Mike Restoule the chair of the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund, says members are pleased with the way the Stage One appeal brought forward by the Ontario government went. Restoule says the five-member panel of judges heard evidence of the Anishinabek understanding of the treaty, especially the augmentation clause and are also aware that the federal government agrees with the original decision by Justice Patricia Hennessey that annuities should be equitable to today's dollars. Restoule says the Ontario government's Stage Two appeal regarding Hennessey's decision on no limitations to the plaintiff's claims, which will be heard in June. The ruling held that signatory First Nations to the 1850 treaty were owed back annuities adjusted to today's dollars after the Crown failed to live up to the terms of the 171-year-old Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. To find out more, visit www.robinsonhuron treaty1850.com/

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OBITUARY



Bidal - Albert Joseph - With deep sorrow and much love we mourn the passing of Albert on May 5, 2021 at the Espanola Regional Hospital at the age of 86 with his beloved wife Marie (nee Balance) by his side. Dear son of the late Joseph & Ida (nee Laronde) Bidal. He will be greatly missed by his children Mark (Judy) of Espanola, Melodie Cothren (James) of Webbwood, Wenda Gervais (Jeff) of Webbwood, Lori Lendrum (Jack) of Webbwood, Cindy Bernetezh (Steven) of Cambridge and James (Carmen) of Nairn Centre. Cherished by 18 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Theresa Cornforth (late Ken), Toinette Benoit (late Paul), and the late Nester, Lawrence, Tony, Paul, Marie and Susan. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment will be at a later date. If so desired, donation to the Espanola Hospital Foundation - Acute Care would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Girard - Yvonne Belle of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Nursing Home on May 7, 2021 at the age of 86. Dear daughter of the late Alex & Yvonne (nee Tremblay) McCauley. Beloved wife of the late Henry Sr. (1999). Beloved mother of Hellen (Tracy) of Thunder Bay, Arthur (Anne) of Sault Ste. Marie and Henry (Kim) of Espanola. Cherished by grandchildren Santo, Jessica, Patricia, late Paul and 14 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Mary Labelle, Margaret Jakabfy (Joe), Lionel (Joan) and the late Andrew, John and Flora. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. She believed very much in her faith with God. Belle was a charter member of the Order of the Royal Purple in Espanola for over 50 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family. The family would like to Thank the Espanola Nursing Staff for being so caring and compassionate and thank you to Dr. Knox and Paula for being our special angel once again. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment in the St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Webbwood will be at a later date. If so desired, donations to the Espanola Nursing Home -LTC would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Lillian Sirard (née Huot) 1937-2021. Lillian Martha Sirard (née Huot) of Espanola passed away peacefully at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home on May 2, 2021 in her 85th year. Dear daughter of the late Antonio and Catherine (née Gates) Huot. Loving wife for 66 years of Lucien (Lou) Sirard of Espanola (currently residing in Wikwemikong). Beloved mother of Marc Sirard (Sally) of Pickering, Diane Sirard (Kelly) of Sudbury, Denise Devon (Gary) of Val Caron, Michel Sirard (Sylvia) of Saint Thomas. Dear sister of John Huot (Thérèse) of Espanola, Lawrence Huot (Rolande) of Espanola, predeceased by her brothers Fred Huot and Leonard Huot. Dear sister-in-law of Yvette Gagnon of Espanola and Lucienne Antoine of Sudbury. Also, will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Jacqueline, Jonathan, Alexandra, Kathryn, Melissa, Ryan and Steven, her great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the staff at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home for their heartfelt kindness and compassion over the past five years. Celebration of Life with interment at the Espanola Cemetery at a later date. If so desired, donations to the Alzheimer Society of Ontario or the Wikwemikong Long Term Care Home Capital Campaign would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Bourcier Funeral Home in Espanola.



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