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BOISE AIDS IN HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF BY DONATING PAPER TO 16 MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Additional Paper Supplies to be Distributed to Underprivileged Schools Throughout the Country

BOISE, Idaho – June 12, 2006 -- Boise Paper today announced that it has donated 385 tons of paper to the School, Home & Office Products Association (SHOPA) Kids in Need Foundation. The primary thrust behind this donation is to provide much needed printer and copy paper to 16 school districts in Mississippi that were hit by Hurricane Katrina. In addition, a portion of the paper was sent to the Foundation's national network of 21 resource centers to be used in under privileged school districts.

The U.S. Department of Education originally approached the SHOPA Kids in Need Foundation to inquire about potential paper donations that could be made to school districts affected by Hurricane Katrina. The SHOPA Kids in Need Foundation contacted major office supply superstores throughout the country to join in the aid. OfficeMax, a longtime customer of Boise Paper, brought the opportunity to the paper manufacturer's attention with an initial request of 10 tons of paper for the 16 school districts in Mississippi. Boise Paper, seeing a chance to help schools throughout the country, stepped up the donation to the current level of 385 tons (148,200 reams). To date, Boise Paper and OfficeMax are the only two companies to respond to the Foundation's request.

"With the devastation that occurred in the Gulf Region due to Hurricane Katrina, many schools and children have been affected in a terrible way," said Kristine Cohn, U.S. Department of Education, regional secretary. "However, the tremendous efforts of Boise Paper along with OfficeMax will go a long way to helping schools in Mississippi get back on track and provide students with the resources that they need to grow and learn."

"Boise's ability to come through with a donation of this size at the drop of a hat is remarkable," said Steve Rubenstein, SHOPA Kids in Need Foundation director of development. "We are so pleased to be able to work with companies such as Boise Paper and OfficeMax to provide schools in need with critical classroom materials."

"When we received the request from SHOPA Kids in Need, we felt immediately that Boise Paper, due to our long-standing relationship with them, would be the perfect company to approach about helping the students in the Mississippi area," said Ryan Vero, OfficeMax Executive Vice President, Chief Merchandising and Marketing Officer. "SHOPA is a great organization and we are very happy that we, along with Boise, were able to assist."

"We all know that the people affected by Hurricane Katrina are committed to rebuilding their homes, schools, and communities," said Kevin Koertje, Boise Paper Office Papers Business Leader. "When OfficeMax approached us on behalf of the SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation, there was no question we would help in the cause to rebuild the area by donating as much paper as possible. As a company that prides itself on going beyond what's expected, we also realized that there were many other schools across the country in need, and we wanted to extend a hand to them as well."

About Boise Cascade

Boise, headquartered in Boise, Idaho, manufactures engineered wood products, plywood, lumber, and particleboard and distributes a broad line of building materials, including wood products manufactured by the company. Boise also manufactures a wide range of specialty and premium products, including

imaging papers for the office and home and papers for pressure-sensitive applications, as well as printing and converting papers, containerboard and corrugated boxes, newsprint, and market pulp. Visit Boise's website at www.bc.com.

About the Kids In Need Foundation

SHOPA Kids In Need Foundation is a national non-profit organization providing school supplies to impoverished children and under-funded teachers. A 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1995 by the School, Home, & Office Products Association (SHOPA), the Foundation's mission is to recognize, promote, and support initiatives that foster educational excellence. The National Network of Kids in Need Resource Centers includes 21 facilities that allow teachers from low-income schools to obtain free school supplies for their students. In addition, Kids In Need Teacher Grants provide K-12 educators with funding to provide innovative learning opportunities for students. The SHOPA Kids in Need Foundation has distributed more than \$200 million in school supplies since its founding, directly benefiting 1.3 million students and 75,000 teachers annually, and has awarded more than \$660,000 in grants to teachers. For more information, visit www.kidsinneed.net.

About SHOPA

SHOPA, founded in 1991, is a nonprofit trade association representing nearly 900 manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, retailers, wholesalers, distributors, commercial/contract stationers, and service companies involved in the production, distribution, and sale of school supplies and office products. The Association also produces SBTS (SHOPA Buyer-to-Seller) Marketplace events, which facilitate pre-scheduled and one-on-one meetings. SHOPA, in cooperation with Messe Frankfurt and PROPAPER, is producing Paperworld USA in November, the international trade event for the school and office products industry. For more information, visit www.shopa.org.

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