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Dear customer, dear reader,

Just a few decades ago, the boldest futurologist would certainly not have dared to suggest that anyone would talk about recovered paper as a valuable commodity. In our cover story, we highlight the impressive details of the global trade in the raw material of recovered paper.

Voith Paper has been active in the world markets for many decades. The interview with Carlos Aguiar (pg. 14), CEO of Aracruz Celulose S.A. in Brazil, the world's largest manufacturer of bleached eucalyptus pulp, illustrates how deeply involved we are in the field. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Aguiar for agreeing to the interview and for his open and very honest answers to our – at times – critical questions. They demonstrate our customers' understanding for the necessary ecological measures and prove that the industry is also ready with an answer and to put words into action.

The answers from Voith Paper are clearer than ever. We research and develop new products and machinery, with the aim of conserving resources and systematically redu-

cing energy, water and fiber consumption without compromising quality. We received the coveted British environmental prize, the "Green Apple Award" in the House of Commons, for these achievements (pg. 77).

The engineers at Voith Paper never cease to constantly improve their own products. The energy savings with a Mini NipcoFlex shoe press amount to around 65,000 kilowatt hours per day (pg. 42). In the end, our energy audits offer all customers the opportunity to accurately identify and calculate the savings potential in their own paper mill. Read more about this on page 57.

On behalf of Voith Paper, I would like to thank you for the confidence you have shown in us in 2008. We wish you and your families a happy, festive season and a successful year in 2009.

H. P. Sollinger

On behalf of the Voith Paper team