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Ecco Newsprint signs Letter of Intent with Metso Paper for recycled newsprint mill

Ecco Newsprint has signed a Letter of Intent with Metso Paper Inc, to purchase a very efficient, environmentally important and highly productive PM1 newsprint line for Ecco's new recycled newsprint mill in Teesside which is to be started up in the first quarter of 2009. The Letter of Intent includes an order to start engineering work.

Ecco will have a long term lease on a 66 acre site within the Wilton International industrial complex, which is operated by SembCorp Utilities (UK) Limited. Ecco has already been granted planning consent by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council permitting construction to start. The project is subject to Ecco's execution of a number of related agreements for the financing, construction and operation of the mill, which are well advanced.

The mill has been carefully sited at Wilton, on Teesside, because of the available energy and water resources and to develop the established recovery of newspapers and magazines in that area. The North East of England and Southern Scotland offer excellent potential for the further development of recovered paper.

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