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## News Release

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## International Paper Receives Papyrus Award from Bureau of International Recycling for its Leadership in Paper Recycling

**BRUSSELS, Belgium - June 2024** – International Paper has recently been presented by the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR) with a global Papyrus Award for exceptional contributions and leadership in paper recycling. BIR represents more than 30,000 companies worldwide and is considered the largest and most prestigious international recycling federation.

The award ceremony was held in Copenhagen, chosen this year as the venue for BIR's Annual Convention, where awards were given in each of the five raw material areas that BIR covers. More specifically, International Paper was honored for its dedication to sustainable practices and its contribution to the advancement of the paper recycling sector. José Chimeno, General Manager of Carpa, International Paper's Madrid-based recycling business, collected the award.

"It is an honor and a privilege to receive this prestigious award on behalf of our company. We are grateful to BIR for this recognition of the work and commitment of the entire International Paper team. This drives us to continue advancing the circular economy and applying responsible practices that ensure a better world for future generations," said José Chimeno.

International Paper, one of the world's largest recycling companies, collects, sorts, and processes more than 6 million metric tons of recovered paper and cardboard worldwide each year. In Spain, with more than 40 years of dedicated experience, Carpa (Carton y Papel Reciclado, S.A.), provides nearly 480,000 tons of recovered paper to International Paper's mill in Fuenlabrada (Madrid) where it is transformed into recycled containerboard and then converted into new packaging by our network of corrugated box plants in the region as part of a circular economy cycle.



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## The Bureau of International Recycling (BIR)

The BIR, founded in 1948, aims to represent the recycling industries worldwide, raising public awareness of their economic and environmental contribution. It promotes free trade, environmentally responsible resource management and the use of recycled materials worldwide. BIR also encourages manufacturers to take recycling possibilities into account when designing their products. The bureau covers several areas of raw materials within five divisions: iron and steel, non-ferrous metals, paper, plastics and textiles.

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## **About International Paper**

International Paper (NYSE: IP) is a global producer of sustainable packaging, pulp and other fiberbased products, and one of the world's largest recyclers. Headquartered in Memphis, Tenn./USA, we employ approximately 39,000 colleagues globally who are committed to creating what's next. We serve customers worldwide, with manufacturing operations in North America, Latin America, North Africa and Europe. Net sales for 2023 were \$18.9 billion. Additional information can be found by visiting internationalpaper.com.

In Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA), International Paper focuses on the production and marketing of fiber-based packaging and specialty pulp, employing approximately 4,400 people. As a leading supplier of high-quality corrugated containers for a multitude of applications, we serve customers throughout the region from our network of two recycled containerboard mills and 23 box plants in France, Italy, Morocco, Portugal and Spain. Specialty pulp is made in Gdansk, Poland. Other products available from International Paper in the region include a variety of Kraft linerboard and other pulp products.

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