

New President for CPI Recovered Paper Sector

Steve Smith, Director of SCA Recycling UK Ltd with responsibility for Finance and Human Resources, was elected President of the Recovered Paper Sector of the Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI) at the recent AGM held in Birmingham.

Steve takes over from Chris White, Commercial Manager at Aylesford Newsprint, after his term in office ended at the AGM. Neil Clarke, Managing Director of Recycling UK Ltd, was elected Vice President for Steve's term of office.

Steve has been with SCA Recycling since July 1993 and has extensive experience of the industry. This includes board-level management of the SCA Recycling network of UK recovered paper operations, domestic and export markets for recovered paper and recent infrastructure investment in MRF technology. He will lead a strong, balanced CPI Recovered Paper Sector Council representing a Membership comprising UK recovered paper reprocessing mills, integrated recovered paper merchants, independent recovered paper merchants and a number of Associated Members.



*Steve Smith
Director, SCA Recycling UK Ltd*



*Neil Clarke
Managing Director, Recycling UK Ltd*

Steve said, "I am very happy to accept the Presidency of the highly regarded CPI Recovered Paper Sector and look forward to presiding over a dynamic and active Council and Membership that represents the vast majority of the paper recycling industry. I am especially pleased that I will have a strong Vice President in Neil and look forward to working with him. Our different backgrounds and responsibilities will allow us to look at industry issues from different perspectives, truly reflecting our Sector's diverse Membership.

"Chris White presided admirably over a difficult period for the industry with the economic turmoil of 2008 and 2009, and the CPI Recovered Paper Sector has come out of this stronger and more unified than ever. It will be my role to continue this progress and ensure the industry continues to be regarded as a key asset in the UK's green revolution and a delivery vehicle for significant environmental benefit.

"It is fantastic to see major investment in UK paper recycling by the likes of Palm Paper and SAICA, strong EU investment and rapid Far East growth in recovered paper use. All of these markets will continue to play a massive role in the success of paper recycling in the UK and provide stability of market demand for collectors. However, it is key that the recovered paper industry is allowed to flourish and not be hemmed in by excessive interference; the CPI Recovered Paper Sector will play a key role in ensuring development is not hampered. EU End of Waste criteria for recovered paper offers a perfect opportunity to think of recovered paper in a new light, but only if this is introduced effectively at an EU level; this will be a key opportunity during my Presidency. In this respect, I look forward to working with the CPI Recovered Paper Sector Manager, Peter Seggie, and CPI's new Director General, David Workman."

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Notes to Editors

- CPI is the voice of the paper industry in the UK, representing papermakers, tissue manufacturers, corrugated packaging producers and recovered paper merchants.
- CPI represents 265 member sites across 60 companies, with a combined annual turnover of £4 billion and 24,500 personnel.
- The Recovered Paper Sector represents three main categories within its Membership:
 - UK Mills using recovered paper as a raw material;
 - UK Integrated Recovered Paper Merchants affiliated to Papermill Groups; and
 - UK Independent Recovered Paper Merchants independent of Papermill Groups.
- The Recovered Paper Sector integrated and independent Recovered Paper Merchant Members manage around 67% of UK collected recovered paper.
- The Recovered Paper Sector Mill Members utilise around 80% of UK used recovered paper.
- For additional information on the UK paper industry, in the first instance, please contact Catherine Waterfield, External Affairs Coordinator, on 01793 889612 or email cwaterfield@paper.org.uk. Alternatively, please visit: <http://www.paper.org.uk>.