

## 2009 Annual Review: A Year of Achievement

The Confederation of Paper Industries has today released its 2009 Annual Review.

The paper and board industries suffered further declines in both consumption and production in 2009. However, there was some positive news in that recovery rates continued to improve, and a recycling rate of 78.8% was reached – the highest for any material.

Investment in new plant and machinery was also the highest for many years, which bodes well for the future. However, as CPI President Bob McLellan points out, improved communication with government and other stakeholders is essential if we are to help create a level playing field for manufacturing industries and one from which industry can prosper.

2009 marked the ten-year anniversary of CPI and, as well as taking a detailed look back at the organisation's activity through 2009, the Review also provides a retrospective on the changes and developments that have taken place in the paper industries over the organisation's first ten years of life. Issues covered include:

- a summary of the UK recovered paper market, collection systems and associated legislation;
- climate change agreements;
- the EU Emissions Trading Scheme;
- energy supply and security;
- carbon foot printing and sustainability;
- health and safety;
- promotional activity.

The 2009 Annual Review offers a wealth of market data and a full list of CPI Members. Key Industry Facts, located at the back of the Review, provides statistics relevant to all four Sectors of CPI's Membership, including:

- UK paper and board consumption;
- paper and board mills and employees;
- paper and board woodpulp usage;
- recovered paper markets;
- production of corrugated boxes.

CPI's 2009 Annual Review can be viewed online, at: <http://www.paper.org.uk>.

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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 75 Member companies, with a combined annual turnover of £4 billion and 24,500 personnel.
- For additional information on the UK paper industry, in the first instance, please contact Catherine Waterfield, External Affairs Coordinator, on email [cwaterfield@paper.org.uk](mailto:cwaterfield@paper.org.uk). Alternatively, please visit: <http://www.paper.org.uk>.