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SMURFIT-STONE CONTAINER CORPORATION CHOOSES KIWIPLAN MANUFACTURING EXECUTION SYSTEMS

Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation (NASDAQ: SSCC) has signed an agreement with Kiwiplan Inc. to implement a full manufacturing applications suite in all of Smurfit-Stone's corrugated container facilities. The project will take three years to implement fully.

"Kiwiplan's focus on improved customer service is an integral part of our supply chain excellence strategy," said Smurfit-Stone president and chief operating officer Steven J. Klinger. "I expect to see improved performance this year and I expect further improvements in 2009."

Smurfit-Stone is working with Kiwiplan (a division of Illinois Tool Works Inc. – NYSE: ITW) to implement complete automation for all container plant scheduling functions. This will allow Smurfit-Stone staff to increase their focus on customer needs, quality functions, and process improvement. Kiwiplan's Continuous Automatic Scheduling Environment (CASE) automatically schedules the entire plant 24/7—optimizing corrugators and converting equipment toward full on-time delivery.

Jim Walton, Kiwiplan president, said utilizing Kiwiplan supply chain tools in addition to CASE, compliments Smurfit-Stone's strategies. The process of optimizing paper grades, widths and quantities will then flow into the automated scheduling process in each plant, area or region.

"The timing of the agreement could not be more perfect," Walton said. "Building on a 20-year relationship with Smurfit-Stone, this project fits perfectly with current North

American Kiwiplan activities, new initiatives in Europe and our recent acquisition by Illinois Tool Works (ITW)."

Smurfit-Stone's commitment to top-tier customer service and ongoing operational excellence, coupled with Kiwiplan's decades-long proven reliability and ongoing product enhancement, made Kiwiplan the logical choice for automated scheduling technology, said Mark O'Bryan, senior vice president of strategic initiatives and chief information officer for Smurfit-Stone.

"Our customers expect on-time delivery, quick turnaround, and the highest quality of product," O'Bryan said. "Kiwiplan provides the tools we need to achieve these mandates."

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About Kiwiplan

Over 35 years of expertise in developing software designed for the corrugating and packaging industry, Kiwiplan provides systems that deliver the high standard required for enterprise-wide, fully automatic integrated systems for Web-enabled supply chain management, sales order management, scheduling and planning, manufacturing, and inventory control. Recently acquired by Illinois Tool Works (a Fortune 200 company), Kiwiplan, with offices in the USA, New Zealand, Australia, United Kingdom, and Germany, continues to operate as a stand-alone entity under the Kiwiplan name.

About Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation

Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation is the industry's leading integrated manufacturer of paperboard and paper-based packaging products and service, and is one of the world's largest paper recyclers. Smurfit-Stone is reshaping the world of packaging to drive profitable growth for our business and our customers' businesses by delivering the strongest price-value equation in the marketplace. The company is a leading provider of custom, proprietary and standard automated packaging machines, offering customers turnkey installation, automation, line integration and packaging solutions. Smurfit-Stone is a member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, and the Chicago Climate Exchange. The company generated revenue of $7.4 billion in 2007, has led the industry in safety every year since

2001, and conducts its business in compliance with the environmental, health, and safety principles of the American Forest & Paper Association.