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TPC Printing & Packaging Continues Sustainability Drive *Employee Recycling Program Begun*

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Phase I of TPC Printing & Packaging's Employee Recycling Program was kicked-off at a plant wide meeting held Thursday, January 29. TPC's new Employee Recycling Program is an expansion of a scrap paper recycling program already operating in its manufacturing plant. Special containers have been placed at employee desks, near copiers, and in the plant to collect recyclable paper products. Employees are encouraged to recycle at home and shown how to use the TPC collection containers. Phases II and III of the program, starting later in the year, will include collection centers for recycling aluminum cans and plastic bottles.

TPC began making sustainable improvements in the 1980s when a system was implemented to collect and recycle scrap paper from the manufacturing process. The 1990s saw the construction of a 350,000 gallon storm water retention system to minimize run off and address area flooding concerns during heavy rains. In 1994, TPC was one of the first manufacturing sites in the area to become a smoke free facility. More recent improvements include the achievement of two international certifications for purchasing environmentally responsible raw materials, replacing all lighting with green, energy saving fixtures, and enlisting the services of a *Green Seal* certified janitorial service.

Taking it a step further, TPC Printing & Packaging has registered for Candidate Pending Verification status to become certified in the Sustainable Green Printing (SGP) Partnership program. SGP Printers adhere to some of the highest standards in the printing industry.

TPC has shown its ability to not only maintain but to grow sustainably – for 85 years. TPC's latest initiative, Employee Recycling, continues a legacy of sustainable programs implemented over the years to improve the quality of its products, working environment, and community.

About TPC Printing & Packaging

TPC Printing & Packaging is one of the oldest independent package printing companies in the South. Founded by the late J. A. Schmissrauter, Sr. in 1924, TPC is wholly owned and operated by the third generation of the Schmissrauter family. TPC provides custom, high quality packaging to a number of markets, including the pharmaceutical, food, spirits, and cosmetics industries. www.tpcpackaging.com