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CANADIAN COMPETITION BUREAU INVESTIGATION CONCLUDES

The Canadian Competition Bureau announced on January 9 (Canadian Eastern time) that three Canadian fine paper merchants had been found guilty of conspiring to lessen competition as it relates to the sale of carbonless paper sheets in 1999 and 2000.

PaperlinX and its Canadian affiliates Coast Paper and Papier Turgeon have not been and will not be charged with any anti-competitive conduct and have cooperated fully with the Bureau throughout the investigation as appropriate and as requested.

There will be no financial impact from this ruling on PaperlinX, either in relation to its existing Canadian businesses, nor as a result of the announced acquisition of Cascades Resources.

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Editors Note:

PaperlinX is the world's leading fine paper merchant, with businesses in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, North America and Europe. Through its Australian Paper division, it is also the only Australasian producer of high quality communication papers, and a major Australian producer of high performance packaging and industrial papers.