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ASPI Announces 2012 Spring Meeting Program

The Association of Suppliers to the Paper Industry (ASPI) is pleased to announce the industry executives speaking at the ASPI 2012 Spring Meeting, scheduled for February 8-10, 2012 in Naples, Florida.

Two of the industry's most respected CEOs will be sharing their perspectives on their companies and how suppliers can contribute to their success. **James A. Rubright**, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for RockTenn, and **John D. Williams**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Domtar Corporation, will both be participating in the ASPI Spring Meeting.

"ASPI is extremely pleased to have secured the participation of such highly-respected leaders as Jim Rubright and John Williams," notes Bob Gallo, ASPI President and President of Voith Paper – North America. "In the low-growth North American paper and board industry market, both CEOs continue to transform their respective business, both organically and through strategic acquisitions. ASPI is pleased to offer attendees the opportunity to hear Rubright's and Williams' visions, strategic actions, and expectations at our upcoming Spring Meeting in Naples, Florida."

James A. Rubright is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of RockTenn, one of North America's leading manufacturers of containerboard, paperboard and corrugated and consumer packaging. In 2011, RockTenn acquired Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, the second largest producer of containerboard and corrugated packaging in North America, which tripled RockTenn's size to approximately \$10 billion in revenues and 26,000 employees in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Chile and Argentina. In 2008 and again in 2011, RISI named Rubright North American CEO of the Year. Don't miss this opportunity to meet Jim Rubright and hear about the changes at RockTenn.

John D. Williams is President and Chief Executive Officer of Domtar Corporation, the largest integrated manufacturer and marketer of uncoated freesheet paper in North America and the second largest in the world based on production capacity. They also manufacture paper grade fluff and specialty pulp. Williams has over 30 years of experience in both the consumer products and packaging industry. In 2010, he was named North American CEO of the Year as well as Global CEO of the Year by RISI. Domtar will be hosting the ASPI Fall 2012 Customer Alignment Meeting on September 10-12, 2012. Don't miss this opportunity to have a better understanding of Domtar's strategic objectives.

Also on the program will be **Tom Lawson**, Vice President Operations for the Primary Materials Group of Sonoco Products Company, Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a global provider of a variety of consumer packaging, industrial products, protective packaging and packaging supply chain services. With annualized net sales of approximately \$5 billion, the Company has more than 19,000 employees working in 340 operations in 34 countries, serving some of the world's best known brands in some 85 nations. The Primary Materials Group is comprised of 19 Paper Mills, 21 Recycling Centers, and 3 Adhesives manufacturing plants.

ASPI Meetings regularly feature financial perspectives from industry analysts and consultants. To add to the take-away impact for this spring's meeting, ASPI has asked both Stephen Atkinson, Managing Director at BMO Capital Markets, and Peter Frandina, Partner, North American Forest, Product Practice Lead at Accenture to participate.

ASPI cordially invites all ASPI members to reconnect with peers at the 2012 Spring Meeting. Prospective participants are encouraged to make reservations for the ASPI 2012 Spring Meeting prior to the hotel cut-off of January 5, 2012. Visit the ASPI website, www.aspinet.org for full details now and visit the site periodically for program updates.

About ASPI

ASPI is the leading association of companies that supply products and/or services to the pulp, paper and board industry. Member company representatives are usually CEOs, owners, and senior management executives. ASPI's mission is to enable its members to deliver increased value to their customers as a result of the association's programming and networking activities. Visit www.aspinet.org.

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