Harbor Paper Announces Sale of Grays Harbor Paper

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Hoquiam, WA - Harbor Paper LLC today announced the acquisition of the former Grays Harbor Paper Mill located in Hoquiam, Washington. The new owners expect to take possession of the facility immediately and begin producing paper within 45 days.Harbor Paper LLC will specialize in manufacturing uncoated, free-sheet recycled paper using renewable energy sources. The business focus will be on providing high-quality paper at reasonable prices to customers throughout the western United States."It's hard to overstate what a milestone it is to have another shuttered mill reopen on the Harbor," said Tim Gibbs, CEO of Greater Grays Harbor, Inc. " This was a complex deal that took a great deal of work. We were able to make it happen thanks to the many partners that were able to come together, including Grays Harbor PUD, the City of Hoquiam, the state Department of Commerce, and WorkSource. We also owe special thanks to the receiver, Richard Hooper of Pivotal Solutions whose efforts were instrumental in bringing this deal to fruition,” added Gibbs.Another key player in the resurrection of the mill was John Begley, former President of Grays Harbor Paper. Begley worked diligently for over a year to find the right organization to acquire the mill, resume operations, and breathe new life into the 83-year-old facility."We are excited about bringing this opportunity to the area,” commented Begley, now President and CEO of Harbor Paper. “The jobs created by Harbor Paper will benefit many individuals and their families. We look forward to creating a great work environment where each employee is rewarded for his or her role in making Harbor Paper a success and a company we can all be proud of.”Applications for employment at the new facility will be accepted exclusively on Harbor Paper’s website at www.harborpaper.com. The local WorkSource office located at 511 W. Heron St. in Aberdeen will conduct the post application testing.