

AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE ASSET SALE AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT No. 5 TO THE ASSET SALE AGREEMENT (this “**Fifth Amendment**”) is entered into as of December 28, 2010 by and among BD White Birch Investment LLC, a limited liability company organized under the Laws of Delaware (the “**Purchaser**”), White Birch Paper Company, a company organized under the Laws of Nova Scotia (“**White Birch**”), and the subsidiaries of White Birch listed in Exhibit A hereto (together with White Birch, the “**Sellers**”). All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have such meanings as ascribed to them in the ASA (as defined below).

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the Purchaser and the Sellers have entered into that certain Asset Sale Agreement, dated as of August 10, 2010, as amended by the First Amendment thereto, dated as of August 23, 2010, the Second Amendment thereto, dated as of August 31, 2010, the Third Amendment thereto, dated as of September 22, 2010, and the Fourth Amendment thereto, dated as of November 19, 2010, relating to the purchase and sale of the Assets (as amended, the “**ASA**”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the terms of the ASA, pursuant to Section 10.4 thereof, to the extent provided herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. Amendment. Section 9.1(b)(iii) of the ASA is hereby amended by deleting the phrase “December 31, 2010” and replacing it with the phrase “January 31, 2011”.

2. Full Force and Effect. The ASA shall not be amended or otherwise modified by this Fifth Amendment except as set forth in Section 1 of this Fifth Amendment. Except as amended by this Fifth Amendment, the ASA shall continue to be and shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, and the parties hereto hereby ratify and confirm the ASA in all respects, as amended hereby. All references to the “Agreement,” “herein,” “hereof,” “hereunder” or words of similar import in the ASA shall be deemed to include the ASA as amended by this Fifth Amendment.

3. Miscellaneous. The provisions of Article X (Miscellaneous) of the ASA shall apply to this Fifth Amendment as if such provisions were set out herein in full and as if each reference therein to “this Agreement” included a reference to this Fifth Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have duly executed this Fifth Amendment
as of the date first above written.

WHITE BIRCH PAPER COMPANY

By: 

Name: EDWARD D. SHERRICK

Title: Sr. U.P.

STADACONA GENERAL PARTNER INC.

By: 

Name: EDWARD D. SHERRICK

Title: Sr. U.P.

STADACONA L.P., by White Birch Paper
Company, a General Partner

By: 

Name: EDWARD D. SHERRICK

Title: Sr. U.P.

F.F. SOUCY GENERAL PARTNER INC.

By: 

Name: EDWARD D. SHERRICK

Title: Sr. U.P.

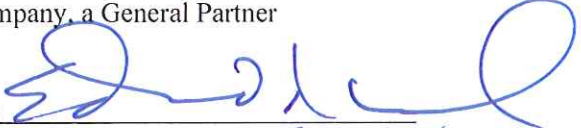
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PARTNERSHIP, by White Birch Paper
Company, a General Partner

By: 

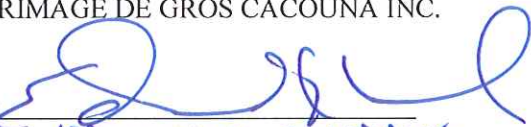
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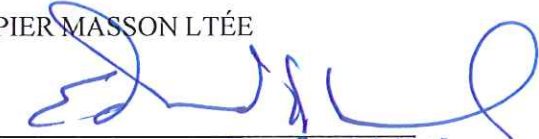
F.F. SOUCY L.P., by White Birch Paper
Company, a General Partner

By: 
Name: EDWARD D. SHERRICK
Title: Sr. U.P.

ARRIMAGE DE GROS CACOUNA INC.

By: 
Name: EDWARD D. SHERRICK
Title: Sr. U.P.

PAPIER MASSON LTÉE

By: 
Name: EDWARD D. SHERRICK
Title: Sr. U.P.

BEAR ISLAND PAPER COMPANY, L.L.C.

By: 
Name: EDWARD D. SHERRICK
Title: Sr. U.P.

BD WHITE BIRCH INVESTMENT LLC

By: _____
Name:
Title:

F.F. SOUCY L.P., by White Birch Paper
Company, a General Partner

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BEAR ISLAND PAPER COMPANY, L.L.C.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

BD WHITE BIRCH INVESTMENT LLC

By: Leslie A. Meier
Name: Leslie A. Meier
Title: President & Secretary

Exhibit A
White Birch Subsidiaries

- Stadacona General Partner Inc.
- Stadacona L.P.
- F.F. Soucy General Partner Inc.
- F.F. Soucy, Inc. & Partners, Limited Partnership
- F.F. Soucy L.P.
- Arrimage de Gros Cacouna Inc.
- Papier Masson Ltée.
- Bear Island Paper Company, L.L.C.