West Linn Paper Company

Mill Overview
Mill Timeline

1845
Linn City was founded

1859
Oregon becomes a state

1889
First mill site built

1922
Arch Bridge Constructed
Mill Timeline

1947
Mill begins producing coated paper

1986
Mill Acquired by James River

1990
Mill Purchased by Simpson

1997
Mill reopens as West Linn Paper
125 Years in West Linn

We employ ~250 employees in family wage jobs at wages that are above the Clackamas County average. Our annual payroll is $18–20M and makes a significant economic impact in the community.

We also operate a distribution facility in Vancouver, WA which directly or indirectly employs 40 employees with a $2M payroll.

According to the State Economic Development each job we have creates three more jobs in the tri-county metropolitan area.
West Linn Equipment & Capabilities

- Three paper machines
- Finished machine trim: 134” – 140”
- Capacity: 260,000 tons
- $250 Million in sales
West Linn Customers

- Coated Freesheet Paper – High quality paper used for magazines, catalogs and high-end advertising brochures
  - Princess Cruises
  - Pier 1
  - Crate & Barrel
  - Chrysler
- Key supplier to Western printers
  - WLPC supplies 90+% of the market for this type of paper within Oregon and about 43% within California
West Linn Goals

- Safety
- Long-term financial performance
- Increased productivity
- Environmental sustainability
- Quality, value, and service
- Building & nurturing long-lasting relationships with our customers
Recent WLPC Capital Investment Projects

- Coater improvements – new coater for improved coating quality on heavy weight grades
- Wet end additive dilution system – saves heat, energy, water and chemicals
- 12 new clean diesel tractors – improved fuel use and reduced emissions
- Proposed for 2016 – nearly $5 MM in improvements
West Linn’s Commitment to Sustainability

- Offer Nature and Nature Plus lines, with 10% – 30% Post Consumer Waste
- FSC-certification for our entire Nature line of products and FSC or SFI options for Sonoma and Capistrano products
- Consistently exceeding regulatory requirements
- Setting, measuring, and reaching sustainability goals
The Locks Now

- The mill stopped all barge activity in 1996 – it is no longer used for transportation of products & materials.

- Main issues include safety & restricted access to the island.

- Potential bottleneck for growth without a long term solution for access.