



Press Kit



WORK CONTINUES NANTES ATLANTIQUE

On July 6th, SCA announced its decision to build a new plant at the Tournebride business park in the municipality of Le Bignon, 20 km (12 miles) from the current production site formerly Papeteries Léon Clergeau. SCA's decision to reinvest near Nantes was driven by the need to better meet high customer demand in the region. The new plant is scheduled to be operational at the end of 2009 and will replace the current Nantes-Cheviré facility, with overall investment totalling more than €46 million, spread over three years.

The new factory will focus on producing and processing corrugated board and will benefit from the latest technology in terms of both equipment and environmental protection.

SCA Emballage Nantes has been ISO-certified since 1996 and already has a state-of-the-art engineering department and laboratory. The new plant will ensure the highest industry standards in hygiene and traceability.

The move will also provide modern, safe, high-performance facilities for SCA's 180 employees at the SCA Packaging Nantes Atlantique plant. Pierre Ducrocq, Director Conventional Packaging France: "We are pleased to be able to provide our employees with improved working conditions and future possibilities within the SCA Group."

S ON THE NEW SCA PACKAGING QUE SITE

A leading packaging provider in the Pays de Loire region.

SCA Emballage Nantes supplies market leaders in the French food-processing industry. The original building's design, surface area and location could only accommodate customers' changing demands until 2010. Regular investments in the current site over the past 45 years have begun to show limitations and are no longer sufficient to meet new market requirements.

The new plant will promote lean manufacturing and will tailor its services to specific customer requirements. A focus on the supply chain will ensure improved response times in handling customer orders. This was the main impetus behind SCA's decision to invest in such a large-scale undertaking.

The move will also result in a number of specific improvements at the environmental level. Among the most significant, the boilers will be converted to burn natural gas as fuel, thereby reducing CO2 emissions, and, thanks to the new set-up, all effluents will be treated on-site.

After filing for a building permit and completing the necessary administrative steps for Installations Classées (facilities listed for environmental protection purposes) in late September 2007, SCA began works in early January 2008 despite unpredictable weather. The building permit was granted by Le Bignon town hall on April 4th, 2008 and the concrete frame assembly began in mid-May. The application under Installations Classées is due for review in June.



Overhead view



View from the car park



Delivery



Processing and packing room

Packaging
in progress



SCA Packaging Nantes Atlantique officially unveils its new facility, currently under construction, on June 26th, 2008

“We develop our up plans for the new facility **with** the help of our customers, to meet the main challenges of the new millennium: sustainable development is an issue that has been a key concern at SCA for over ten years.”

John D. Williams - President, SCA Packaging Europe

SCA Packaging is now building a solid future in Nantes, underpinned by core values cemented by an innovative concept.



This new concept will be promoted year-round in SCA Packaging Nantes Atlantique communications and is designed to highlight the respect, excellence and responsibility that have made SCA what it is today.

SCA has literally set its commitment in stone by erecting a monument signed by John D. Williams on site, etched with the company's core values:

- ▶ **RESPECT** for the environment (ecological, economic, political and social).
- ▶ **EXCELLENCE** in terms of responsiveness, creativity and business processes.
- ▶ **RESPONSIBILITY** towards customers, shareholders and employees.

A state-of-the-art facility



SCA PACKAGING NANTES ATLANTIQUE: a state-of-the-art facility

To cement its values and build a solid future, SCA Packaging Nantes Atlantique has chosen to tie its corporate image to a very special tree, the **contorta pine**, which will be planted at the new site.

The contorta pine's well-known qualities make it a powerful symbol of cutting-edge industry, combining the need for yield and resistance with that of environmental protection and safety.

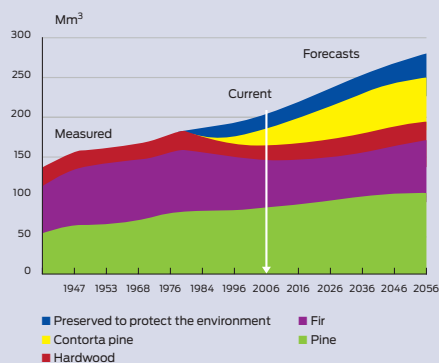
THE CONTORTA PINE

The Canadian lodgepole pine was first introduced in the north of Sweden in the early seventies, at a time when many people were expressing concerns over a possible timber shortage.

The tenacious tree soon revealed its staying power:

- ▶ 40% higher yield than Swedish pine
- ▶ More resistant (better able to withstand attacks by moss and fungus)
- ▶ Faster absorption of CO₂

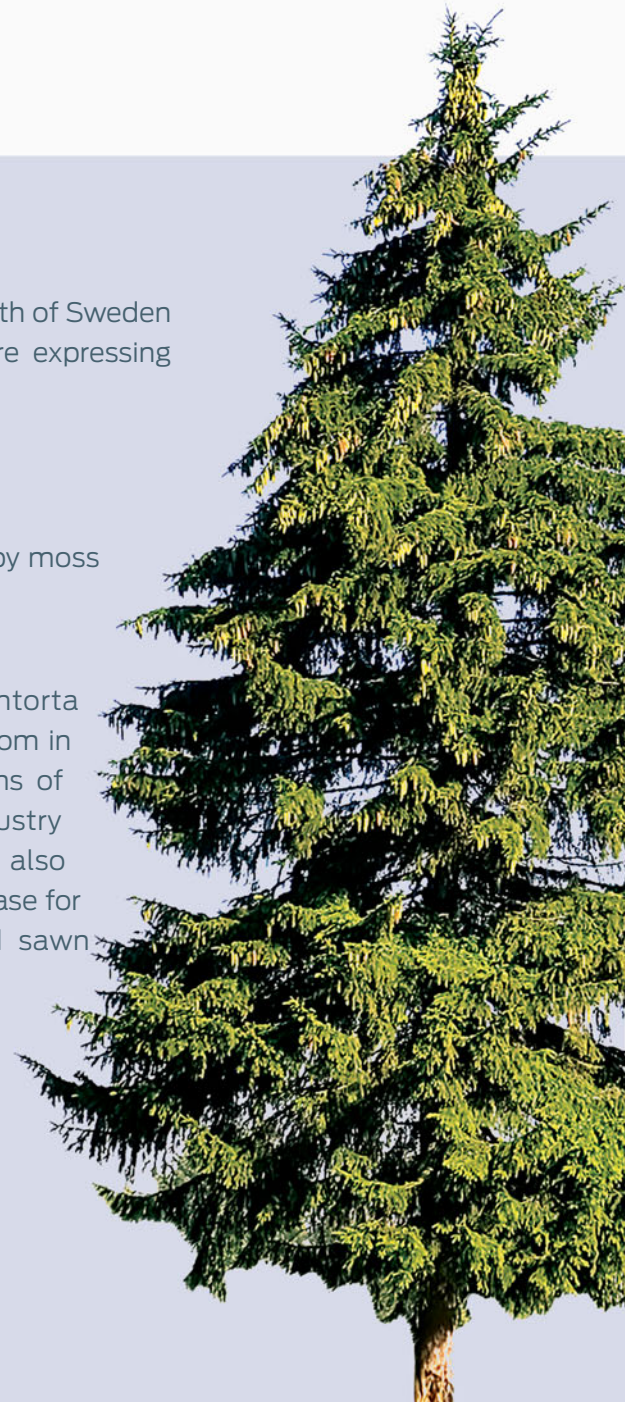
Branching out in the right direction



The fast-growing contorta pine has provided a boom in resources, both in terms of raw materials for industry and biofuel. The tree also provides an excellent base for Kraft paper, pulp and sawn timber.

The first seedlings will be ready for harvest in nearly 30 years. At present,

around 100,00m³ metric tons of contorta pine are processed into wood chips. This figure is expected to reach half a million in the next decade.





SCA PLANT IN NANTES

TIMELINE

The Nantes-based company PLC dates back to the late 19th century, when an Englishman passing through the region had the idea of making pulp from BROOM, a “cheap” raw material widely available in the area.

- 1931:** Mr Léon Clergeau sets up a wrapping-paper company under the name PLC (Papeteries Léon Clergeau) in Nantes.
- 1935:** Acquisition of the Caradec corrugated board and paper mill in Brittany.
- 1946 - 1959:** Business expands.
- 1950:** Company stops paper production and begins manufacturing corrugated boxes in Rue Lamoricière, Nantes.
- 1961:** Now based in Bouguenais, PLC focuses entirely on producing and processing corrugated board.
- 1964:** SCA - the leading European producer of Kraft paper and corrugated board - acquires PLC, which continues to trade under its original name.

This change of scope in 1964 gives the company a significant industrial and financial strength, boosting production potential by sharing information between the Group’s various companies, with a guaranteed supply of Scandinavian Kraft paper, reputed to be the best in the world.
- 1977:** Acquisition of the Sofac Socapa factory in Chabanais.
- 1989:** Creation of SCA Emballage (combining the Nantes Cheviré, Gasny and Caradec plants) and SCA Promotion (combining Chabanais and Auneuil, formerly Givray), subsidiaries of SCA Packaging France.
- 1991:** SCA Packaging head office moves from Sweden to Belgium, aiming to better tackle the European market with the opening of borders in 1993.

The company is now a multinational corporation.

The acquisition of a number of firms over the past few years has helped cement the company’s position in Europe.

SCA Packaging



- 1929:** Industrialist and financier Ivar Kreuger sets up Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget (SCA).
The company's roots can be traced back to firms that began drawing on forestry and water resources in the north of Sweden for industrial purposes as early as the 17th century.
- 1964:** SCA expands outside Sweden, taking over three Papeteries Léon Clergeau (PLC) plants in France—the first in a long series of acquisitions.

Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget (SCA)

SCA is a global consumer goods and paper company that develops, produces and markets personal-care products, tissue, packaging solutions, publication papers and solid-wood products in more than 90 countries.

SCA posted annual sales of SEK106 billion (€11.4 billion) in 2007 and had a workforce of around 50,000 people in early 2008. SCA shares are traded on the Stockholm and New York stock exchanges.



SCA Packaging

SCA Packaging is a leading European provider of customer-specific packaging with an emphasis on state-of-the-art design and local service close to customer facilities. With a product portfolio that includes transport, consumer and display packaging, customised protective packaging, industrial packaging and heavy-duty packaging, SCA Packaging is able to meet the full range of market requirements. SCA Packaging is Europe's second-largest producer of containerboard paper used in manufacturing corrugated board. SCA Packaging Europe employs 24,100 people at more than 240 manufacturing plants in 30 countries. For further information, please visit [HYPERLINK http://www.scapackaging.com](http://www.scapackaging.com) www.scapackaging.com.



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