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Independent Carton Group announces Supplier of the Year Award to Clearwater Paper

NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, July 13, 2022 – The Independent Carton Group (ICG) is pleased to announce their 2021 Supplier of the Year award to **Clearwater Paper**. The announcement was made at their quarterly meeting at Winston Packaging in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on March 17, 2022.

The ICG and its members rate over 30 suppliers on a biannual basis on a series of criteria including:

- Timeliness of delivery
- Quality of materials
- Quality of service
- Expertise of staff
- Contractual compliance
- Administration / invoicing accuracy
- Compliance with shipping instructions
- Reporting and payments

Through the evaluation process ICG leadership works with national account managers from all their suppliers to improve the quality of service each supplier brings to ICG members. “The bottom line is to get Best-in-Class suppliers serving our members” says Jay Willie, ICG Executive Director “and that is what this awards program is helping to assure our members of,” Willie continues. “Through this award, we want to recognize Clearwater Paper for their exceptional paperboard product, superior service from both sales and production, and excellent technical support. We are grateful for Clearwater Paper’s hard work to increase member sales.”

Receiving the award for Clearwater Paper, Clive Gillanders, director of sales for Clearwater Paper’s pulp and paperboard division said, “We are honored to receive the ICG Supplier of the Year award and are immensely proud of our more than 20-year partnership with the ICG and its members. Together, we have built a long-term relationship based on integrity and trust, and we look forward to continuing that relationship with the ICG for many years to come.”

Clearwater Paper (www.clearwaterpaper.com) and its subsidiary, Manchester Industries, are recognized for outstanding products, collaborative service, and strategic insight. Clearwater Paper is North America's largest independent producer of premium solid bleached sulfate (SBS) paperboard for quality-conscious printers and packaging converters. In addition, Manchester Industries is one of the leading paperboard converting facilities in the country with five shipping locations in North America, offering services that include custom sheeting, slitting, and cutting. The company is also a premier supplier of private brand tissue to major retailers, including grocery, club, mass merchants and discount stores.

About the Independent Carton Group

[The Independent Carton Group \(ICG\)](#) is a growing association of 21 independently owned and operated folding carton companies from 15 states and Canada. The ICG works tirelessly to make sure that its members have access to competitive pricing on raw materials, equipment and consumables as well as offering learning and networking opportunities that help them to be successful. In 2019 ICG members collectively produced over \$800 million in cartons and consumed over 250,000 tons of board. For more information on the ICG or to inquire about membership contact the ICG office at 203-270-7578 or email indcartongroup@aol.com.

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Photo caption:

Receiving the Supplier of the Year award on behalf of Clearwater Paper at the ICG Spring Conference, Clive Gillanders, Director of Sales (left) with Jay Willie, ICG Executive Director (right).