Recently purchased by New York City-based hedge fund One Rock Capital.

This press release is riddled with inaccuracies. It's presumptuous and sloppy, amounting to nothing more than propaganda on behalf of an outlier producer and their new hedge fund owners who are attempting to perversely manipulate trade law.

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U.S. Department of Commerce Finds that Canada Improperly Subsidizes Producers of Uncoated Groundwood Paper

Levelling the playing field for the U.S. industry, Canadian uncoated groundwood paper imports to now require CVD deposits to enter the country legally

LONGVIEW, WA—North Pacific Paper Company (NORPAC) today commended the U.S. Department of Commerce for its preliminary countervailing duty (CVD) determination covering subsidized uncoated groundwood papers from Canada. As a result of these determinations, the Department of Commerce will impose tariffs on imports of uncoated groundwood papers to offset the unfair advantage provided by Canadian government subsidies.

``Today’s affirmative decision by the Department of Commerce confirms that Canadian uncoated groundwood papers benefit from significant levels of government subsidies,” said Craig Anenberg, CEO of NORPAC. “What the U.S. uncoated groundwood papers industry wants is a level playing field, and this decision is an important step forward for American producers, workers and their families that have been the victims of unfair Canadian trade practices for too long.”

The Department of Commerce found that Canadian uncoated groundwood paper was subsidized by an average of 6.53 percent.

“NORPAC has a world-class facility that can compete with anyone around the world, but we need to be able to compete on a level playing field. This decision will protect American jobs in Washington, Mississippi and Georgia, and may even serve to create jobs in the U.S. as idled paper machines restart,” said Anenberg.

Today, there are groundwood paper mills operating across the U.S., primarily located in Washington state, Georgia and Mississippi, which support family-wage jobs and countless community businesses and supporting industries.

In the face of unfair competition since 2012, more than ten American mills have closed costing approximately 2,150 jobs, reducing the U.S. groundwood paper industry’s production capacity by nearly 70 percent. During this time, U.S. producers’ share of the American market has plummeted from 60 percent to 36 percent.

Where are these numbers coming from?

The U.S. uncoated groundwood papers industry and NORPAC are not alone in seeking and finding relief from unfair trade. Today’s Department of Commerce decision follows similar trade cases in the last five years, which also found that supercalendered papers and softwood lumber imports from Canada were being subsidized causing material injury to U.S. manufacturers and jobs. Other cases found that imports of foreign coated and uncoated papers were also being subsidized causing injury.

``While we understand the concerns recently surfaced by some newspaper publishers, we strongly disagree with the notion that their industry requires low-priced, government-subsidized, imported uncoated paper from Canada to sustain its business model. High-quality journalism in communities across the country should not depend on unfairly traded inputs that cause material injury to a U.S. industry and American jobs,” added Anenberg. “We estimate the impact this ruling would have on the cost to produce the average printed newspaper would be less than $.05 per newspaper – a small price to pay to preserve American manufacturing jobs.”

Continuing to innovate, retool and invest for the future, NORPAC operates one of the largest and most efficient paper mills in the U.S., which produces a broad range of high-quality papers to customers across the United States and around the world. Recently, the company unveiled affordable, sustainable Natural Choice Paper®, which is made with a process that yields twice as much paper from the same amount of wood, compared to standard copy paper.

``NORPAC is one of the largest employers in rural Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon,” concluded Anenberg. “These are strong, family-wage manufacturing jobs that cannot be replaced in a rural community that faces some of the highest unemployment in the region.”

On August 9, 2017, NORPAC filed antidumping and countervailing duty petitions with the U.S. government. The Department of Commerce will issue its preliminary determination in the companion antidumping investigation on March 7, 2018. The Department is expected to make final antidumping and countervailing duty determinations in July 2018, and the International Trade Commission will make its final injury determination in August 2018.