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Recycled Fiber Study

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I. Preface

The generation and recycling of recovered paper saves energy and protects the environment. As China is short of paper grade fiber, the cheap waste paper resources may provide a key to the growth of the country's paper industry. Impacted by supply–demand changes and price fluctuation of market pulp, price of imported recovered paper surged in recent years, which unveiled China's problems in the recovery and utilization of waste paper. In 2004, China's recovered paper consumption grew 20.1% from the previous year and its imports accounted for 43% of the world's total shipment, making China market a leading factor in global recovered paper pricing. And China will greatly impact the restructure of recovered paper supplies in the world. Therefore, it is paramount for both China and the world to carefully study the current status, problems, future prospects and solutions on recovered paper resources, supplies and utilization in China.

PacificNet Consulting Ltd. – a subsidiary of PacificNet Holding Corporation – has timely conducted research and studies on China's utilization of its own waste paper resources, the competitiveness of overseas suppliers in the China market. The Study goes into details on the supply and consumption of China's 12.30 million metric tons (at US\$1.7 billion) of recovered paper imports in 2004 by grade, origin and destination. This is an important guide for businesses in fiber procurement and trade.

Based on analysis of historical and most updated information and statistics, it puts forward its analysis, comments and suggestions for Chinese and overseas market players.

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