Q2 2020 FINANCIAL RESULTS

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- Operating income before depreciation and amortization (OIBD): Used to assess operating performance and contribution of each segment when excluding depreciation & amortization. OIBD is widely used by investors as a measure of a corporation ability to incur and service debt and as an evaluation metric.
- Adjusted OIBD: Used to assess operating performance and contribution of each segment on a comparable basis.
- Adjusted operating income: Used to assess operating performance of each segment on a comparable basis.
- Adjusted net earnings: Used to assess the Corporation's consolidated financial performance on a comparable basis.
- Adjusted free cash flow: Used to assess the Corporation's capacity to generate cash flows to meet financial obligation and/or discretionary items such as share repurchase, dividend increase and strategic investments.
- Net debt to adjusted OIBD ratio: Used to measure the Corporation's credit performance and evaluate the financial leverage.
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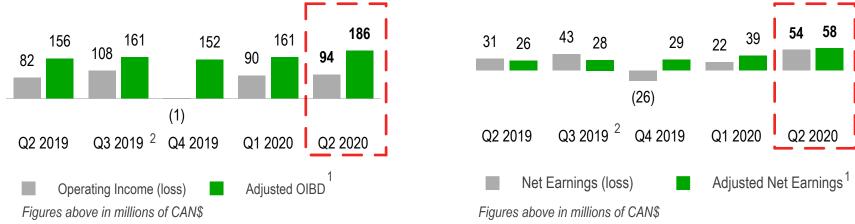








SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL RESULTS²



millions of CAN\$		F	igures abo	ove in millio	ons of CA	N\$

(In millions of CAN\$, except amount					2018					2019 ²		2020
per share)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3 ²	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2
Financial results												
Sales	1,098	1,180	1,175	1,196	4,649	1,230	1,275	1,264	1,227	4,996	1,313	1,285
Operating income (loss)	112	73	78	(35)	228	72	82	108	(1)	261	90	94
Adjusted OIBD ¹	105	134	137	113	489	135	156	161	152	604	161	186
Net earnings (loss)	61	27	36	(67)	57	24	31	43	(26)	72	22	54
Adjusted net earnings ¹	12	29	38	_	79	13	26	28	29	96	39	58
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$0.65	\$0.28	\$0.38	\$(0.71)	\$0.75	\$0.26	\$0.33	\$0.45	\$(0.27)	\$0.77	\$0.24	\$0.57
Adjusted net earnings per share ¹	\$0.13	\$0.30	\$0.40	<u> </u>	\$1.30	\$0.14	\$0.28	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$1.02	\$0.42	\$0.61

Second quarter adjusted OIBD increased both sequentially and year-over-year, reached new quarterly record



















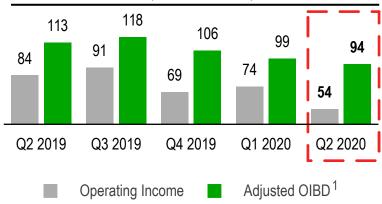




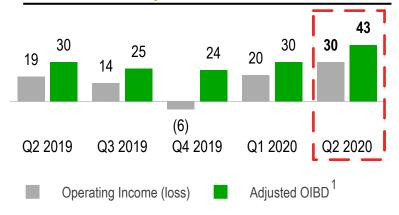


HISTORICAL SEGMENTED QUARTERLY OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) & ADJUSTED OIBD^{1,2}

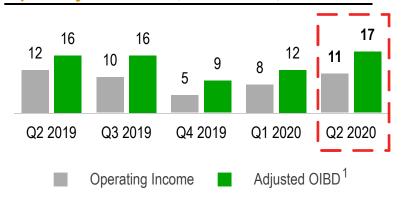
Containerboard (millions of CAN\$)



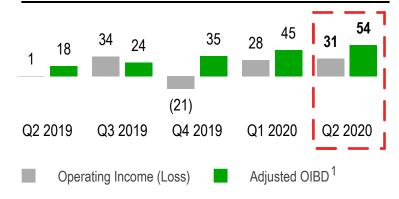
Boxboard Europe² (millions of CAN\$)



Specialty Products² (millions of CAN\$)



Tissue Papers (millions of CAN\$)























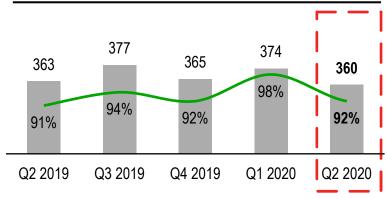




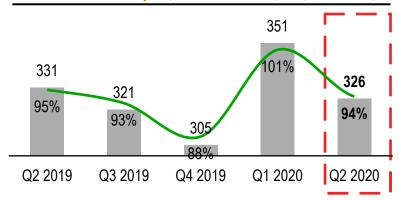


HISTORICAL SEGMENTED QUARTERLY SHIPMENTS

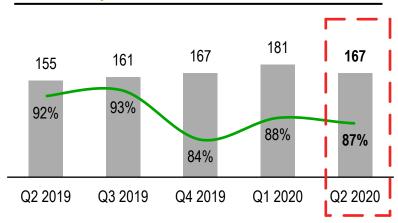
Containerboard ('000 s.t. and % capacity utilization1)



Boxboard Europe ('000 s.t. and % capacity utilization1)



Tissue Papers ('000 s.t. and % capacity utilization1)







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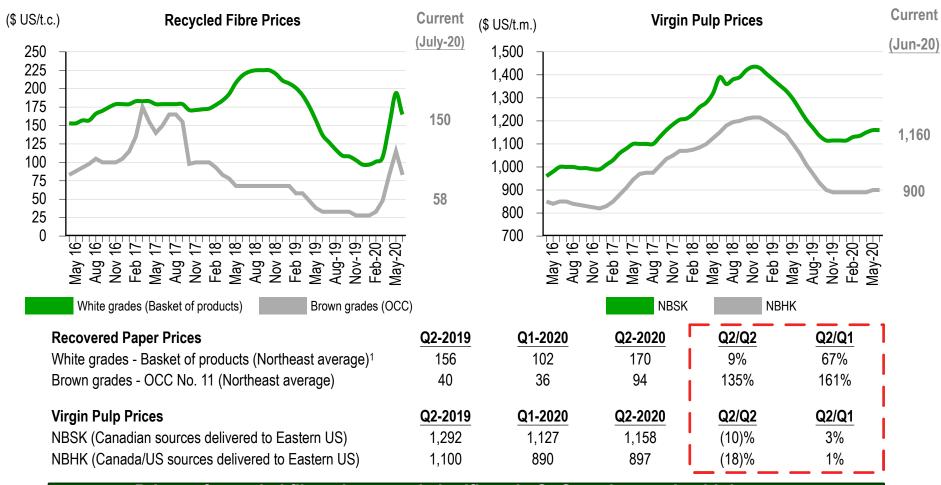




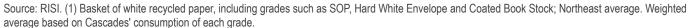




RAW MATERIAL COSTS - INDEX LIST PRICES



Prices of recycled fibres increased significantly QoQ, and were also higher on a year-over-year basis; Prices subsequently decreased notably in June and July; Virgin pulp was up marginally compared to Q1, but was below prior year levels



SEGMENTED REVIEW











































PACKAGING PRODUCTS / CONTAINERBOARD

Results	Chan	ge vs.
Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q2 2019
Shipments ('000 s.t.)		
360	(4)%	(1)%
Average selling price (CAN\$/unit)		
1,260	3%	(1)%
Sales (M\$)		
454	(1)%	(2)%
Operating income (M\$)		
54	(27)%	(36)%
Adjusted OIBD¹ (M\$)		
94	(5)%	(17)%
% of sales		
20.7%		

Comments on sequential performance

- → Shipments decreased by 4% sequentially. This was driven by a 7% decrease in manufacturing shipments that reflect lower demand and 16.5 days of planned maintenance and market related downtime. Shipments of converted products were stable on a sequential basis.
- → The average second quarter selling price increased by 3% in Canadian dollars sequentially. This reflects a more favourable sales mix and the depreciation of the Canadian dollar compared to the US dollar.
- → The sequential sales decrease is largely attributable to the lower volume of manufacturing shipments.
- → Adjusted OIBD decreased by 6% on a sequential basis. This reflects higher raw material costs and lower volumes. These were partially offset by the more favourable mix of products sold, lower production costs and research and development credits recorded in the current period. A credit loss provision on accounts receivable related to Covid-19 was recorded in Q1 2020 and no additional provisions were taken in the current period.

Maintenance and capital investment downtime (in s.t.)

FY 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	FY 2020
46,500	8,200	20,700	~ 13,000 to 14,000	~ 52,000 to 54,000



























TISSUE PAPERS

Results	Chan	ge vs.
Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q2 2019
Shipments ('000 s.t.)		
167	(8)%	8%
Average selling price		
(CAN\$/unit)		
2,537	3%	4%
Sales (M\$)		
424	(5)%	12%
Operating income (M\$)		
31	11%	3,000%
Adjusted OIBD¹ (M\$)		
54	20%	200%
% of sales		
12.7%		

Comments on sequential performance

- → The 8% sequential decrease in shipments was driven in large part by the 11% decrease in shipments of converted products. This was primarily a reflection of the Covid-19 related demand impact on Away-from-Home converted products in the current period, and an easing of the strong demand in levels seen in the previous quarter. Manufacturing shipments increased 8% sequentially, driven by inventory management initiatives.
- → The average selling price in Canadian dollars increased 3% sequentially. This reflects the depreciation of the Canadian dollar compared to the US dollar, and a more favourable mix of converted products sold. These benefits were partially offset by a larger proportion of parent rolls in the sales mix in the current quarter.
- → The impact of lower volumes partially offset by higher average selling prices as detailed above had a combined net negative impact of 5% on sales on a sequential basis.
- → Adjusted OIBD increased by \$8 million, or 18%, sequentially. This reflects the beneficial impact of the higher average selling price, cost savings initiatives, lower transportation costs, and research and development credits recorded in the current period. A credit loss provision on accounts receivable related to Covid-19 was recorded in Q1 2020 and no additional provision was taken in the current period.



























PACKAGING PRODUCTS / BOXBOARD EUROPE

Results	Chan	ge vs.
Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q2 2019
Shipments ('000 s.t.)		
326	(7)%	(2)%
Average selling price ¹		
(CAN\$/unit)		
779	4%	(1)%
(Euro€/unit)		
510	1%	(2)%
Sales (M\$)		
265	(3)%	(2)%
Operating income (M\$)		
30	50%	58%
Adjusted OIBD¹ (M\$)		
43	43%	43%
% of sales		
16.2%		

⁽¹⁾ Average selling price for manufacturing and converting activities only

Comments on sequential performance

- → Shipments of virgin boxboard decreased by 2,000 s.t., or 3%, in the second quarter of 2020 compared to the prior quarter, while shipments of recycled boxboard decreased 22,000 s.t., or 7%. These decreases are primarily a reflection of lower shipments in Western Europe related to Covid-19.
- → The sequential increase in the average selling price is a reflection of the net impact of the 3% depreciation of the Canadian dollar compared to the euro and the 2% increase in the average selling price of virgin boxboard.
- → The lower sequential sales reflects the decrease in shipment volumes as discussed above, the effects of which were partially offset by the 3% depreciation of the Canadian dollar compared to the euro.
- ➤ The sequential \$14 million increase in adjusted OIBD is largely a reflection of lower energy costs and the energy credits received in the current period. In addition, lower fixed and SG&A costs and the higher average selling price also contributed to the sequential adjusted OIBD increase. These benefits were partially offset by lower volumes and higher raw material costs in the second guarter.



























PACKAGING PRODUCTS / SPECIALTY PRODUCTS

Results	Chan	ge vs.
Q2 2020	Q1 2020	Q2 2019
Sales (M\$)		
120	6%	(11)%
Operating income (M\$)		
11	38%	(8)%
Adjusted OIBD¹ (M\$)		
17	42%	6%
% of sales		
14.2%		

Comments on sequential performance

- → The sequential sales increase reflects increases in most business sub-segments. This was most notable in food packaging, where volumes increased 20% sequentially. Conversely, shipments of Industrial packaging decreased 5% sequentially as a result of the economic impact of Covid-19.
- → The sequential increase in adjusted OIBD reflects the higher sales volumes, and lower operational and administrative cost levels in the current period.

CHANGE IN THE PRESENTATION OF SEGMENTED INFORMATION

The Corporation reclassified Recovery activities results (sales, OIBD and adjusted OIBD figures) to Corporate Activities in the fourth quarter of 2019. Results from these activities had been included within the Specialty Products segment previously. Prior annual and quarterly figures were adjusted to reflect the change.



FINANCIAL REVIEW





































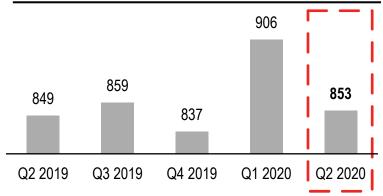




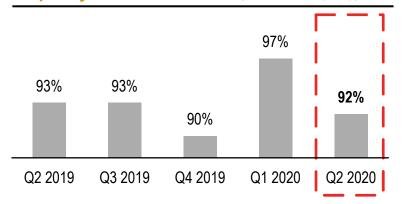


KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)

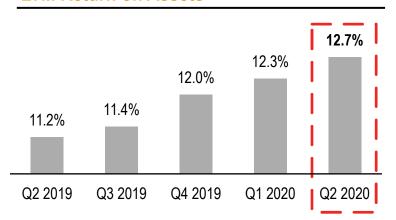
Total Shipments¹ ('000 s.t.)



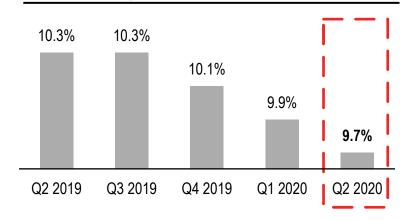
Capacity Utilization Rate¹⁻² (manufacturing only)



LTM Return on Assets



LTM Working Capital (% of LTM Sales)







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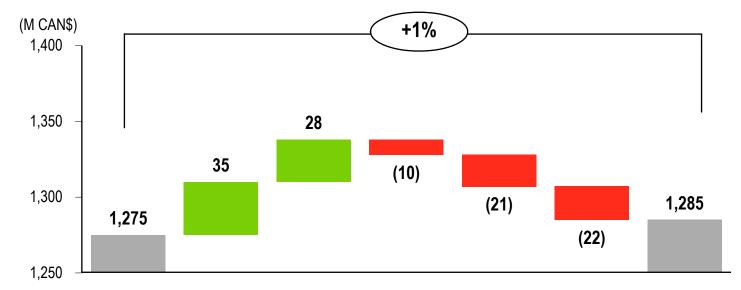








YEAR OVER YEAR SALES RECONCILIATION



(M CAN\$)	Sales Q2-2019	Volume	F/X CAN\$	Other variances	Price & Mix	Business closure and disposal	Sales Q2-2020
Containerboard	462	(3)	9	_	(14)	_	454
Boxboard Europe	270	(3)	4	_	(6)	_	265
Specialty Products	135	1	3	2	1	(22)	120
Tissue Papers	377	40	12	_	(5)	_	424
Corporate & Elim.	31	_	_	(12)	3	_	22
Total	1,275	35	28	(10)	(21)	(22)	1,285

YoY sales increase driven by Covid-19 demand and Orchids acquisition in Tissue and favourable FX impact for all segments; Partly offset by less favourable selling price & mix in all segments except Specialty Products, and business closure & disposal in Specialty Products

















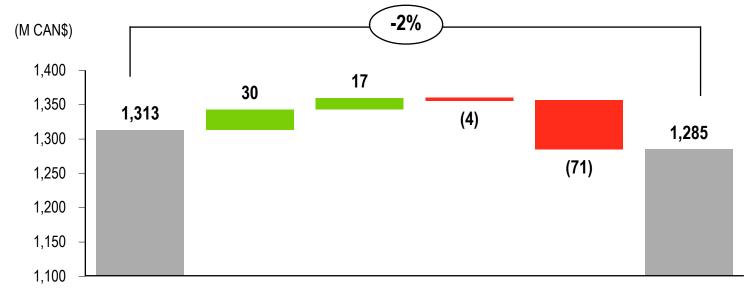








SEQUENTIAL SALES RECONCILIATION



(M CAN\$)	Sales Q1-2020	F/X CAN\$	Price & Mix	Other variances	Volume	Sales Q2-2020
Containerboard	458	7	5	_	(16)	454
Boxboard Europe	272	8	3	_	(18)	265
Specialty Products	113	3	3	_	1	120
Tissue Papers	446	12	4	_	(38)	424
Corporate & Elim.	24	_	2	(4)	_	22
Total	1,313	30	17	(4)	(71)	1,285

Sales decrease QoQ driven by lower volume following easing of strong Covid-19 demand & buying patterns in Q1; Partly offset by favourable selling price & mix and FX impact in all business segments





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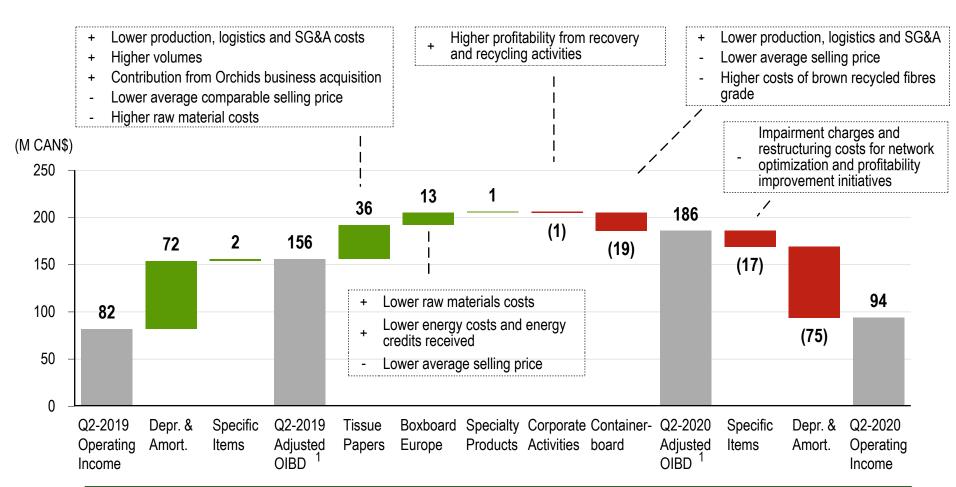








YEAR-OVER-YEAR OPERATING INCOME RECONCILIATION



Increase driven by strong Tissue results reflecting volume benefits including Orchids, and lower costs; Boxboard Europe results benefited from lower raw material and energy costs; Partly offset lower by Containerboard results driven by higher raw material costs & lower selling price



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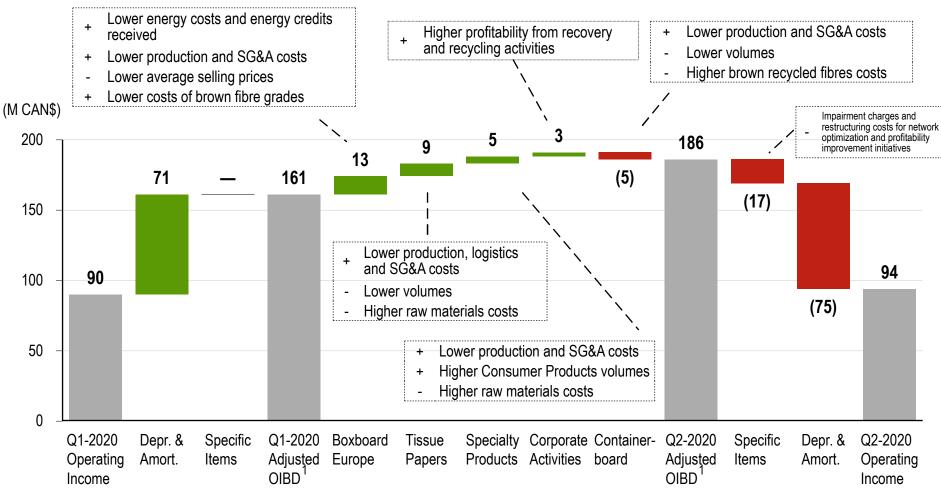








SEQUENTIAL OPERATING INCOME RECONCILIATION



Lower production and SG&A costs in all business segments; lower raw material and energy costs in Boxboard Europe; partly offset by higher raw material costs in North America, and lower volumes in Tissue and Containerboard as Q1 Covid demand levels eased















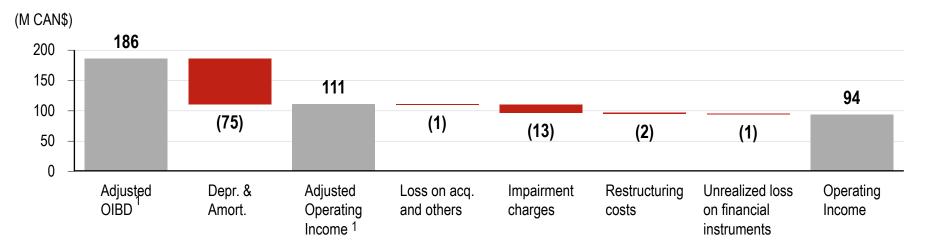








Q2-20 ADJUSTED OIBD TO OPERATING INCOME RECONCILIATION



(M CAN\$)	Container- board	Boxboard Europe	Specialty Products	Tissue Papers	Corporate Activities	Total
Operating income (loss)	54	30	11	31	(32)	94
Specific items:						
Loss on acquisitions, disposals and others	_	_	1	_	_	1
Impairment charges	8	_	_	5	_	13
Restructuring costs	1	_	_	1	_	2
Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments	2	1	_	_	(2)	1
Total Specific items	11	1	1	6	(2)	17
Adjusted operating income (loss) ¹	65	31	12	37	(34)	111
Depreciation and amortization	29	12	5	17	12	75
Adjusted OIBD ¹	94	43	17	54	(22)	186



























NET EARNINGS - IFRS VS ADJUSTED

	NET EARNINGS (LOSS)	NET EARNINGS PER SHARE ¹
(in millions of Canadian dollars, except amount per share)	Q2-2020	Q2-2020
As per IFRS	54	\$ 0.57
Specific items:		
Loss on acquisitions, disposals and others	1	\$ _
Impairment charges	13	\$ 0.10
Restructuring costs	2	\$ 0.02
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	1	\$ 0.01
Foreign exchange gain on long-term debt & financial instruments	(9)	\$ (0.09)
	4	\$ 0.04
Adjusted ²	58	\$ 0.61



⁽¹⁾ Specific amounts per share are calculated on an after-tax basis and are net of the portion attributable to non-controlling interest.

















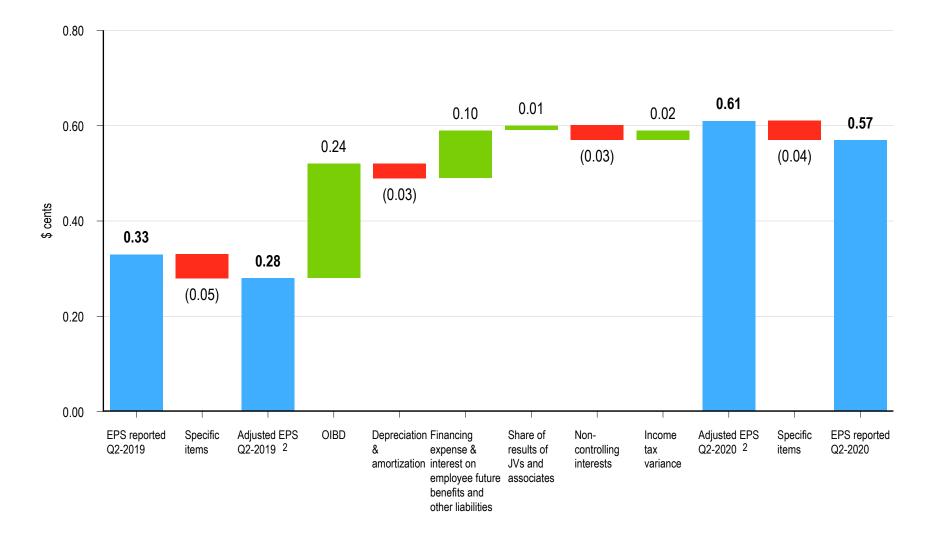








QUARTERLY YEAR-OVER-YEAR ADJUSTED EPS VARIANCE^{1,2}





















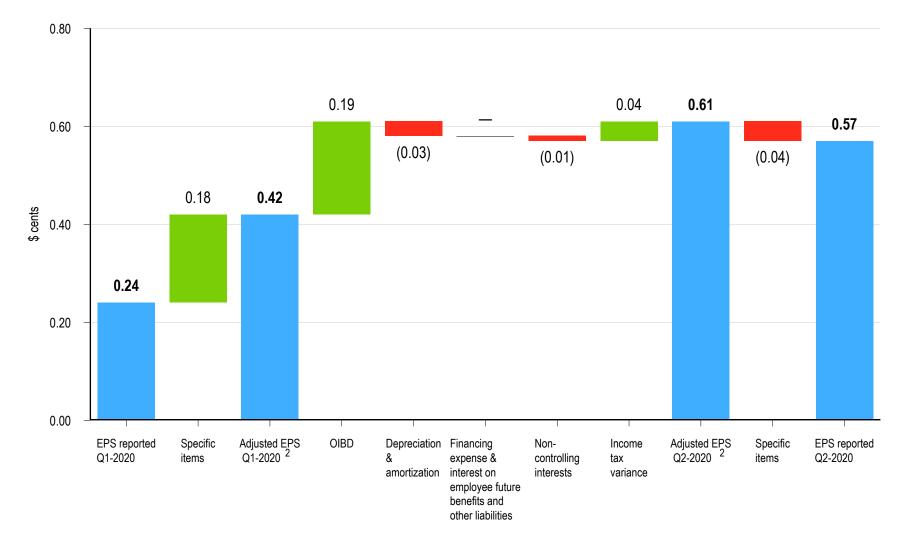








QUARTERLY SEQUENTIAL ADJUSTED EPS VARIANCE^{1,2}





















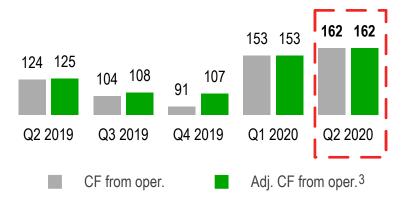


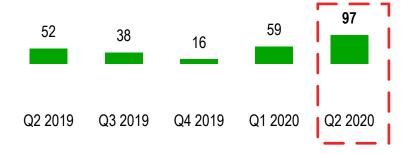






CASH FLOW OVERVIEW





Adjusted Free Cash Flow 3

Figures above in millions of CAN\$

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					2018					2019		2020
(In millions of CAN\$, except amount per share)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2
Cash flow from operations	69	111	92	89	361	82	124	104	91	401	153	162
Specific items ¹	_	_	_	_	_	3	1	4	16	24	_	_
Adjusted cash flow from operations ³	69	111	92	89	361	85	125	108	107	425	153	162
Including: Net financing expense paid	(37)	(18)	(39)	(13)	(107)	(43)	(16)	(42)	(32)	(133)	(17)	(7)
Capital expenditures & other assets ² , right-of-use assets payments, net of disposals	(9) 5	(72)	(129)	(65)	(275)	(76)	(64)	(58)	(80)	(278)	(84)	(51)
Dividends ⁴	(6)	(12)	(5)	(9)	(32)	(8)	(9)	(12)	(11)	(40)	(10)	(14)
Adjusted free cash flow ³	54	27	(42)	15	54	1	52	38	16	107	59	97
Adjusted free cash flow per share ³	\$0.56	\$0.29	\$(0.44)	\$0.16	\$0.57	\$0.01	\$0.56	\$0.40	\$0.17	\$1.14	\$0.63	\$1.02

YoY and QoQ increase in adjusted Free Cash Flow reflects higher CF from Operations and lower financing expense paid



















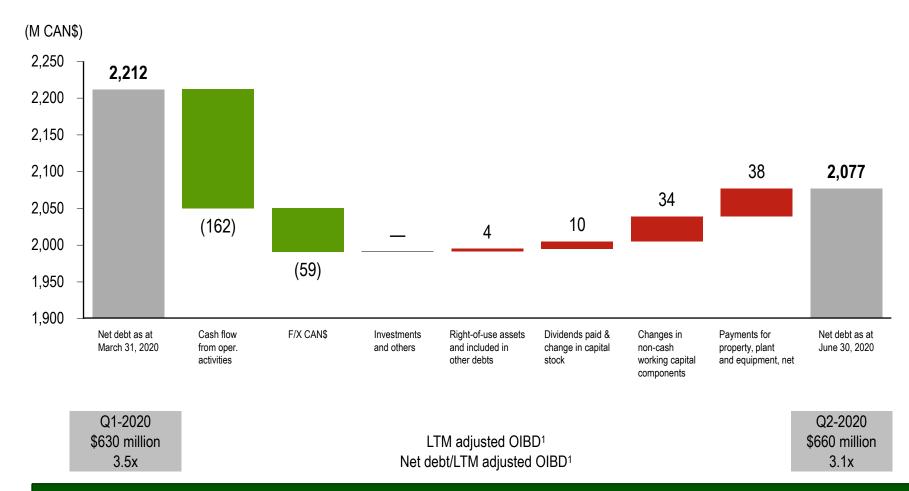








NET DEBT¹ RECONCILIATION - Q2 2020



Solid Cash Flow from Operations and favourable FX more than offset Capex and working capital requirements





















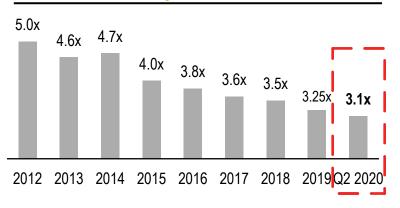




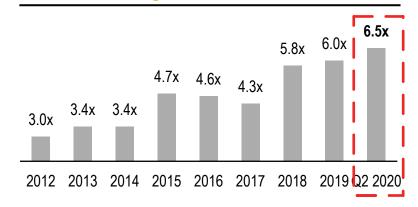


CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RATIOS & DEBT MATURITIES

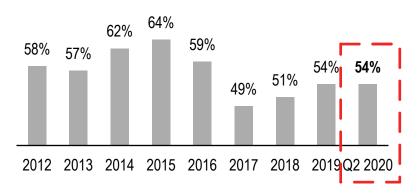
Net Debt / LTM Adjusted OIBD^{1,3}



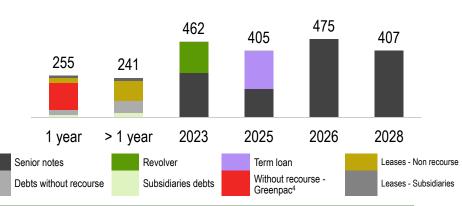
Interest Coverage Ratio^{2,3}



Net Debt / Net Debt + Total Equity



Long-Term Debt Maturities (as at June 30, 2020)



Leverage ratio of 3.1x at the end of Q2 2020, down from 3.5x at the end of Q1 2020 and 3.25x³ at the end of 2019





















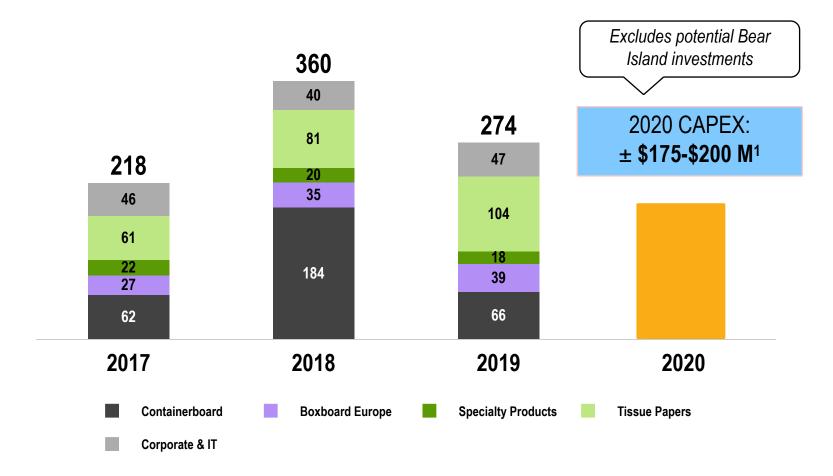






CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

(in millions of Canadian dollars, including capitalization of IT projects, excluding value of leases)





CONCLUDING REMARKS











































NEAR TERM FACTORS



- Containerboard: expect slight volume increase, lower sequential raw material costs
- Boxboard Europe: sequential gradual benefit from previously announced price increase
- Raw material: lower sequential prices expected to benefit North American segments
- Tissue: Higher YoY demand related to Covid-19 for consumer products



- Containerboard: expect lower average selling price to negatively impact results YoY
- Tissue: softer QoQ and YoY AfH volume expected due to Covid-19
- Boxboard Europe: headwinds from lower QoQ volume due to usual Q3 seasonality

Q3 2020	Contain	erboard		ooard ope¹		cialty lucts	Tissue Papers			
OIBD ² Trend	YoY ↓	QoQ †	YoY ↔	QoQ +	YoY ↔	QoQ ↔	YoY †	QoQ ↓		
REFLECTING:										
VOLUME	7	7	7	7	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	7	7		
SELLING PRICE	7	\leftrightarrow	7	7	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	7	\leftrightarrow		
RAW MATERIAL COST	7	7	7	\leftrightarrow	7	7	\leftrightarrow	7		
EXCHANGE RATE	7	7	7	\leftrightarrow	7	7	7	7		
ENERGY COST	7	7	7	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow	7	7		



APPENDIX





















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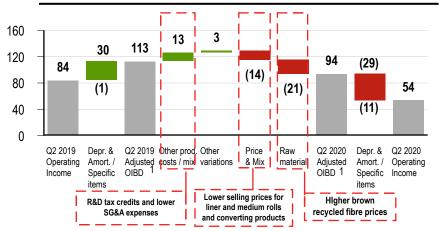




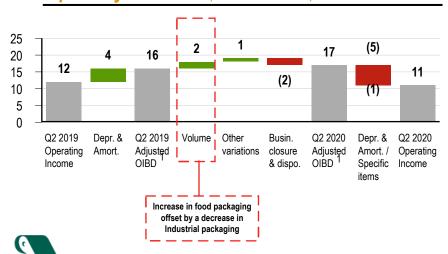


SEGMENTED YOY OPERATING INCOME WATERFALLS

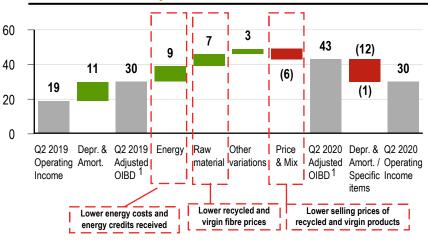
Containerboard (millions of CAN\$)



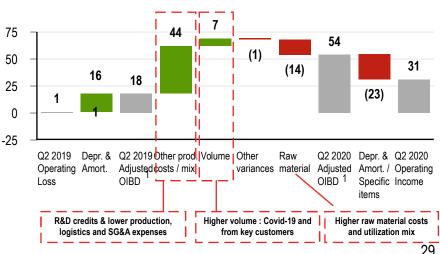
Specialty Products (millions of CAN\$)



Boxboard Europe (millions of CAN\$)



Tissue Papers (millions of CAN\$)







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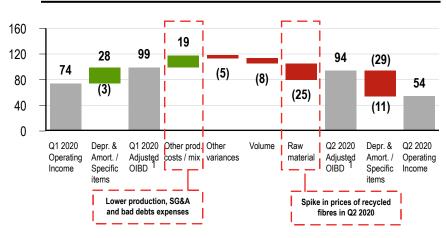




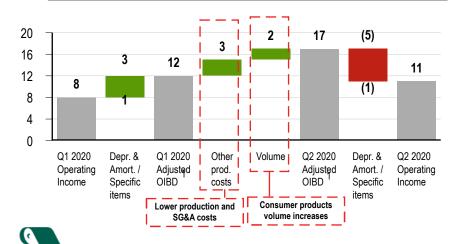


SEGMENTED SEQUENTIAL OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) WATERFALLS

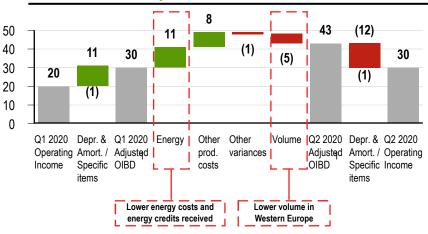
Containerboard (millions of CAN\$)



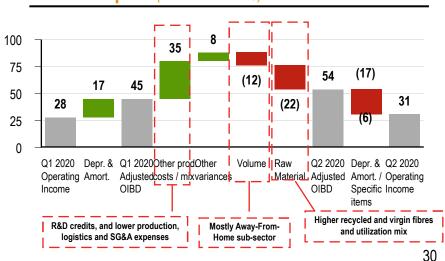
Specialty Products (millions of CAN\$)



Boxboard Europe (millions of CAN\$)



Tissue Papers (millions of CAN\$)



















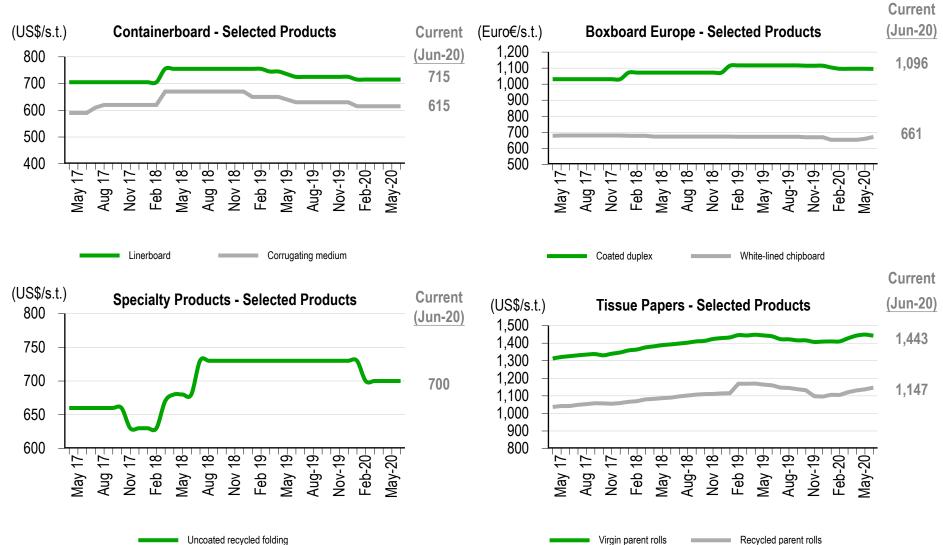








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SELECTED REFERENCE PRICES AND FIBRE COSTS

	2018			2019		2020	Q2 2020 vs Q2 2019		Q2 2020 vs Q1 2020							
These indexes should only be used as an indicator of trends and they may be different than our actual selling prices or purchasing costs.	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year	Q1	Q2	(units)	(%)	(units)	(%)
Selling prices (average)																
PACKAGING PRODUCTS																
Containerboard (US\$/short ton)																
Linerboard 42-lb. unbleached kraft, Eastern US (open market)		755	755	755	747	752	735	725	725	734	715	715	(20)	(3)%	_	-
Corrugating medium 26-lb. semichemical, Eastern US (open market)		670	670	670	662	650	640	630	630	638	615	615	(25)	(4)%	_	_
Boxboard Europe (euro/metric ton)																
Recycled white-lined chipboard (WLC) index1		673	673	673	674	672	672	672	669	671	653	661	(11)	(2)%	8	1%
Virgin coated duplex boxboard (FBB) index ²		1,072	1,072	1,072	1,072	1,117	1,117	1,117	1,115	1,117	1,099	1,096	(21)	(2)%	(3)	_
Specialty Products (US\$/short ton)																
Uncoated recycled boxboard - 20-pt. bending chip (series B)	643	680	730	730	696	730	730	730	730	730	710	700	(30)	(4)%	(10)	(1)%
TISSUE PAPERS (US\$/short ton)																
Parent rolls, recycled fibres (transaction)	1,072	1,087	1,102	1,112	1,093	1,151	1,164	1,143	1,109	1,142	1,111	1,138	(26)	(2)%	27	2%
Parent rolls, virgin fibres (transaction)	1,366	1,388	1,404	1,422	1,395	1,441	1,444	1,420	1,411	1,429	1,416	1,445	1	_	29	2%
Raw material (average)																
RECYCLED PAPER																
North America (US\$/short ton)																
Sorted residential papers, No. 56 (SRP - Northeast average)	59	31	28	28	36	24	16	10	8	15	8	18	2	13%	10	125%
Old corrugated containers, No. 11 (OCC - Northeast average)	92	71	68	68	74	61	40	33	30	41	36	94	54	135%	58	161%
Sorted office papers, No. 37 (SOP - Northeast average)	165	193	210	203	193	183	140	101	88	128	89	160	20	14%	71	80%
Europe (euro/metric ton)																
Recovered paper index ³		99	103	107	105	96	87	71	49	76	33	82	(5)	(6)%	49	148%
VIRGIN PULP (US\$/metric ton)																
Northern bleached softwood kraft, Canada		1,310	1,377	1,428	1,342	1,380	1,292	1,170	1,115	1,239	1,127	1,158	(134)	(10)%	31	3%
Bleached hardwood kraft, mixed, Canada/US		1,125	1,192	1,213	1,152	1,180	1,100	970	893	1,036	890	897	(203)	(18)%	7	1%



Sources: RISI, Cascades and Reno de Medici. (1) The index is based on publication prices and represents an approximation of Cascades' recycled grades selling prices in Europe. It is weighted by country. (2) The index is based on publication prices and represents an approximation of Cascades' virgin grades selling prices in Europe. It is weighted by country. (3) The recovered paper index is based on publication prices and represents an approximation of Cascades' recovered paper purchase prices in Europe. It is weighted by country.





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