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KapStone's Randy Nebel Receives ASPI 2015 Customer Executive of the Year Award

Randy J. Nebel, President KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation, has been named ASPI's Customer Executive of the Year for 2015. Nebel is scheduled to accept his award during the ASPI 2015 Spring Meeting, which will be held February 25-27, 2015, in Sarasota, Florida.

"Randy Nebel has helped lead the transformation of KapStone into a major North American containerboard producer," says ASPI President Mike Gray, Area SVP, Sales and Paper Business NA for Valmet. "Under Nebel's leadership, KapStone has worked with the supplier community to successfully complete several projects that are delivering productivity and operational targets."

Randy Nebel was appointed as President of the KapStone's mill division in August 2013. Previously, Mr. Nebel served as President of Longview Fibre from 2008 to July 2013 and Vice President of Mill Operations and Chief Operating Officer for Longview Fibre from 2008 to 2009. During his time at Longview Fibre, he led the transformation of that company, achieving world class safety performance, excellent environmental performance, and top tier financial performance. From 1997 to 2007, he served in various roles at Weyerhaeuser Company, including Vice President and Mill Manager. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Forest and Paper Association. He is a member of the Board of the National Association of Manufacturers, and the Cowlitz County Economic Development Committee. Mr. Nebel has over 35 years of experience in the paper and packaging industry. Mr. Nebel earned a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Montana State University.

The Customer Executive of the Year Award is the highest honor that ASPI can bestow on an individual. This award is presented annually to a customer executive who has worked diligently within his company, and with his company's suppliers, to dramatically increase the benefits to his company of its supplied goods and services. Nominations are accepted from ASPI member companies, and the ASPI Board of Directors votes on submitted nominations.

About KapStone

Headquartered in Northbrook, IL, KapStone Paper and Packaging Corporation is the fifth largest producer of containerboard and corrugated packaging products and is the largest kraft paper producer in the United States. The Company is the parent company of KapStone Kraft Paper Corporation and KapStone Container Corporation which includes four paper mills and 21 converting plants, respectively, across the US. The business employs approximately 4,600 people.



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About ASPI

ASPI is the leading association of companies that supply products and services to the pulp, paper, and board industry. Member participation consists primarily of CEOs, owners, and senior management executives. ASPI's mission is to assist its member supplier companies in providing increased economic benefits to their customers through collective knowledge, initiatives, and efforts. For more information, contact Colleen Walker, Director of Member Relations, at 770-209-7349 or e-mail at cwalker@aspinet.org. Visit www.aspinet.org to learn more about ASPI.



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