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November 1, 2010

Mr. C.A. McDonald, General Manager
Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC
PO Box 2002
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035

Re: Project No. 0890004-031-AC
Fernandina Beach Pulp Mill
Production Increase Project

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On September 23, 2010, you submitted an application requesting an increase in the pulp production from 162,000 to 165,852 ADMT per consecutive 12-months, rolling total. Prior to increasing pulp production above 165,852 ADMT to a maximum of 175,000 ADMT per consecutive 12-months rolling total, the mill will install the blow heat recovery system as previously authorized in Construction Permit No. 0890004-018-AC.

This existing facility is located at the Foot of Gum Street in Nassau County, Fernandina Beach, Florida. Enclosed are the following documents: the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination; the Draft Permit and Appendices; the Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit; and the Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. The Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit is the actual notice that you must have published in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by this project. If you have any questions, please contact the project engineer, Rita Felton-Smith at 904/807-3237.

Sincerely,

Christopher L. Kirts, P.E.
District Air Program Administrator

Enclosures

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# WRITTEN NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

*In the Matter of an*
*Application for Air Permit by:*

Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC
PO Box 2002
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32035

*Authorized Representative:*
Mr. C.A. McDonald, General Manager

Project No. 0890004-031-AC
Fernandina Beach Pulp Mill
Pulp Production Increase
Air Construction Permit
Nassau County, Florida

**Facility Location**: Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC operates the existing Fernandina Beach Pulp Mill, Sulfite Recovery Boiler, which is located in Nassau County at the Foot of Gum Street in Fernandina Beach, Florida.

**Project**: Previous Air Construction Permit No. 0890004-018-AC authorized the facility to initially increase pulp production from 153,205 to 162,000 air dried metric tons (ADMT) per consecutive 12-months, rolling total. A second increase of a maximum of 175,000 ADMT per consecutive 12-months, rolling total was authorized provided the facility successfully installed a new blow heat recovery system to control VOC (volatile organic compounds) emissions from all of the Hot Caustic Extraction cells in the bleach plant. The facility is requesting in this permitting project to increase the pulp production from 162,000 to 165,852 ADMT per consecutive 12-months, rolling total without the requirement to install the blow heat recovery system. Prior to increasing pulp production beyond 165,852 ADMT to a maximum of 175,000 ADMT per consecutive 12-months rolling total, the mill will install the blow heat recovery system as previously authorized in Construction Permit No. 0890004-018-AC. Also as a part of this project, the facility has also requested a 6-month extension of the expiration date of the previously issued air construction permit, i.e. until March 1, 2012.

Pursuant to Rule 62-212.400, F.A.C., Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC provided information to show that the project will not exceed the significant emissions rates that require preconstruction review for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) of Air Quality. Details of the project are provided in the application and the enclosed Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination.

**Permitting Authority**: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210, and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Department of Environmental Protection, Northeast District, Air Resources Section is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project. The Permitting Authority's physical and mailing address is: 7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200, Jacksonville, FL 32256-7590. The Permitting Authority's telephone number is 904/807-3300.

**Project File**: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project review engineer for additional information at the address or phone number listed above.

**Notice of Intent to Issue Permit**: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of the proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all appropriate provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296, and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

**Public Notice**: Pursuant to Section 403.815, F.S. and Rules 62-110.106 and 62-210.350, F.A.C., you (the applicant) are required to publish at your own expense the enclosed Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit (Public Notice). The Public Notice shall be published one time only as soon as possible in the legal advertisement section of a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by this project. The newspaper used must meet the requirements of Sections 50.011 and 50.031, F.S. in the county where the activity is to take place. If you are uncertain that a newspaper meets these requirements, please contact the Permitting Authority at above address or phone number. Pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(5) and (9), F.A.C., the applicant shall provide proof of publication to the Permitting Authority at the above address within 7 days of publication. Failure to publish the notice and provide proof of publication may result in the denial of the permit pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(11), F.A.C.

**Comments**: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of the 14-day period. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

**Petitions**: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000. Petitions filed by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the attached Public Notice or within 14 days of receipt of this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must

contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

**Mediation**: Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

Executed in Jacksonville, Florida

11-02-10

Christopher L. Kirts, P.E.
District Air Program Administrator

Date

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned duly designated deputy agency clerk hereby certifies that this Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit package (including the Written Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, the Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination and the Draft Permit with Appendices) was sent by electronic mail (or a link to these documents made available electronically on a publicly accessible server) with received receipt requested before the close of business on 11-02-10 to the persons listed below.

Ms. Kathleen Forney, EPA Region 4 (forney.kathleen@epa.gov)
Ms. Ana M. Oquendo, EPA Region 4 (oquendo.ana@epa.gov)
Ms Heather Abrams, EPA Region 4 (abrams.heather@epa.gov)
Mr. David Rogers, Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC (david.rogers@rayonier.com)
Mr. C.A. McDonald, Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC (ca.mcdonald@rayonier.com)

Ms. Debra Lane, Rayonier Performance Fibers, LLC (Debra.Lane@rayonier.com)

Clerk Stamp

**FILING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT FILED**, on this date, pursuant to Section 120.52(7), Florida Statutes, with the designated agency clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Maxine M Riley

11-02-10

(Clerk) (Date)