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Projected Expansion of Syktyvkar Paper and Boxboard Manufacturing Capacities in 1990-1995 Jeopardised by Shortage of Investment Capital

The Syktyvkar Timber Industry Complex is the largest supplier of various types of printing paper in the country. The year is not yet over and the complex has already managed to produce 500 million square metres of paper more than in 1988.

In less than a year our newspaper has twice reported on the rather less than satisfactory state of affairs at this enterprise. After the second article the editors received a detailed reply, signed by Deputy Minister of the Timber Industry V.A. Chuiko. In the reply it was stated that on July 12, at a meeting in the First Deputy Minister's office, there was a full review of progress made in implementing measures previously agreed to for the purpose of ensuring stable operations at the Syktyvkar Timber Industry Complex (TIC), and also of the Ministry's Order (Prikaz) dated May 11, 1989 entitled "Programme of action for development of the Syktyvkar TIC during the period 1990-1995".

The problem of optimizing the composition of the various types of paper produced has been solved. This has made it possible to save more than 16,000 tonnes of softwood pulp during the first half of the year, thereby greatly reducing the shortage of it.

The reply went on to discuss the allocation of the necessary machinery, materials and chemicals to the TIC, and mentioned that the problem of allocating foreign currency from centralised funds to provide for the purchase of spare parts for the Kamyrdigester and of 40 tonnes of heat-resistant chains for the lime regenerating kiln had been solved.