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## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

### **TECHNICAL INCIDENT ON MIMIZAN'S BOILER**

A major technical incident occurred on Tuesday 10 December 2013 on Gascogne Paper mill's main boiler in Mimizan.

The entire steam system was drained as a precautionary measure, involving the stoppage of paper pulp production.

Following an in-depth analysis of the consequences of this incident and in view of the time required for producing and replacing the damaged parts, it is expected that the facilities will resume production at the beginning of January 2014.

The impact of this stoppage on the Gascogne Group's underlying operating profit is estimated at 2 to 3 million euros.

This stoppage should partially prepare for the statutory plant stoppage initially planned for May 2014.

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**About Gascogne group:**

Major player in the French wood industry, the Gascogne group is present at every stage in optimising the forest resource; it is the only French player fully integrated throughout the entire chain of the wood-paper-conversion sector. It has four complementary divisions: Gascogne is France's leading multi-specialist producer of wood products, the world's leading producer of natural machine glazed kraft paper, one of the European leaders of industrial and consumer sacks and one of the world's leading producers of laminates for packaging and protection applications.

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