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CKF Inc. unveils new production line of sustainable packaging at Langley B.C. factory *Earthcycle™ satisfies consumer demand for compostable and recyclable packaging*

LANGLEY, B.C. (June 22, 2023) – Today, CKF Inc. unveiled a new production line for their certified home compostable and recyclable food packaging, Earthcycle™ at the Langley B.C. factory, supporting their commitment to growing the sustainable packaging market. Hon. Andrew Mercier, B.C. Minister of State for Workforce Development, and Langley Mayor Nathan Pachal spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a guided tour of the plant for invited guests. Earthcycle services growers, packers, and retail customers with FSC certified, home-compostable and widely recyclable packaging for the fresh fruit and vegetable markets.

The addition of the production line speaks to consumers' demand for more environmentally sustainable packaging. "Earthcycle's expansion in Langley is driven by rising demands for packaging that reduces carbon footprints, aligns with recycling streams, and satisfies consumers' desire for sustainable options," said Ian Anderson, President CKF, Inc.

Hon. Andrew Mercier, MLA for Langley and Minister of State for Workplace Development expressed his support for the new production line in Langley, "British Columbians are focused on a more sustainable future, and supporting local companies that are passionate about sustainable, responsible growth. I'm grateful for the innovative work that CKF is doing in food packaging to contribute to a wholesome and healthy foods supply, and am glad that CKF is part of the Langley Community."

The new Earthcycle™ production line will create 20 new full-time jobs at the Langley factory, which currently employs 325 of the company's 1100 employees at eight plants, six of which are in Canada. "We have a very talented group of employees who are members of Teamsters Local Union 213 and the Union supports this new line," said Anita Dawson, Business Representative of Teamsters 213.

Langley Mayor, Nathan Pachal also expressed his enthusiasm for the new technology, "Langley City Council extends sincere congratulations to the CKF Inc. team as you celebrate the launch of this exciting state of the art technology," said Mayor Nathan Pachal. "We appreciate that this innovative addition to your facility supports sustainable practices and provides new employment opportunities."

The new production line will both reduce Earthcycle's transportation footprint and open distribution to new markets. "Langley's strategic location near major markets in California, the Pacific Northwest, and western Canada, coupled with access to global trade routes, strengthens our production capabilities. It also serves as a hub for further Earthcycle innovation, expanding the product line into new market applications," said Anderson.

The west coast Canadian production, which uses the latest servo-actuation technology, combined with the original Earthcycle production facilities located in Hantsport, NS, makes CKF the largest thermoformed moulded pulp manufacturer for the fruit and vegetable packaging market across the globe.

About CKF Inc.

CKF Inc. is a diversified Canadian-owned manufacturer that proudly offers a wide range of moulded pulp, foam, and PET products to meet the specific demands of retail consumers, food service operators and the packaging industry. CKF is a member of the Scotia Investments Family of Companies, whose core values include long-term stewardship, environmental integrity, and community well-being.

R.A. Jodrey established Canadian Keyes Fibre Company Limited in the summer of 1933, during the worst of the Great Depression years. The Company began with a single plant in Hantsport, NS, manufacturing pie plates and cake circles for bakeries. CKF has experienced uninterrupted growth since its establishment and now operates five plants in Canada—Hantsport, NS., Rexdale, Ont., three in BC: Langley and Delta, and two plants in the US in Clinton, IA and El Paso, TX—employing over 1,100 people. Nationally recognized brand Royal Chinet® is one of CKF's best known products and stands as a symbol for many Canadians —of family, friends, and joyous occasions.

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