

News Release

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BOISE® Papers Earn Distinguished Buyers Laboratory Award Five Boise Products Receive Certificates for Outstanding Performance

BENSENVILLE, Illinois – Boise Inc. (NYSE:[BZ](#)) continues to set the standard for imaging paper excellence with five products earning the distinguished Buyers Laboratory Inc.(BLI) 2009 Performance Certified certificate. By passing a series of extensive lab runnability tests on a wide range of imaging devices, BLI concluded these products are highly reliable with virtually no misfeeds, multi-sheet feeds or problems related to image quality, dusting or curl.

Boise received for the first time Performance Certification from Buyers Laboratory for [Boise® ASPEN® 50% Recycled](#), [Boise® ASPEN® 100% Recycled](#) and [Boise® HD:P™ Presentation Laser](#) papers. “Boise sets the standard for premium recycled and laser papers with consistent manufacturing excellence and superior end-use performance,” said Kirk Krahn, Boise Imaging Papers Product Manager.

[Boise® X-9®](#) multipurpose paper, Boise’s top-selling everyday-use paper, received the certification for the fifth consecutive year having successfully passed a 2.4-million-sheet test on sixty-nine different document imaging devices. “Over a five-year period, Buyers Laboratory has tested 14.6 million sheets of *Boise X-9* paper on 350 devices. *Boise X-9* paper continues its legacy as one of the top-performing multipurpose papers in the industry,” Krahn continued. [ASPEN® 30%](#) Recycled Paper achieved the award

for the second consecutive year by passing a 1.2-million-sheet test on a total of seventy different imaging devices.

Boise® Imaging papers are available through office dealers and suppliers, paper merchants and contract stationers throughout the United States and Canada. For more information, visit www.boiseinc.com/products/imaging .

About Boise Inc.

Headquartered in Boise, Idaho, Boise Inc. (NYSE: BZ) manufactures packaging products and papers including corrugated containers, containerboard, label and release and flexible packaging papers, imaging papers for the office and home, printing and converting papers, newsprint, and market pulp. Our entire team of more than 4,600 employees is committed to delivering excellent value while managing our businesses to sustain environmental resources for future generations. Visit our website at www.BoiseInc.com.

About Buyers Laboratory

For over forty-five years, BLI has been the leading independent office equipment test lab and business consumer advocate. In addition to conducting exhaustive tests in its 10,000-square-foot lab on all types office document imaging devices (including multifunctional products, copiers, printers, scanners, wide-format devices and fax machines from virtually all vendors), the company also performs extensive tests on imaging device consumables, including toner and ink cartridges, fusers, drums and print media. Among the various types of print media subjected to BLI's rigorous tests are standard office papers, forms, labels, transparencies, and envelopes.

BLI's test reports are delivered to thousands of subscribers worldwide via bliQ, a comprehensive online information services that also includes databases of specifications and pricing on document imaging products, as well as industry newsletters and productivity reports. And with its Buyers Alliance program,

Buyers Lab provides comprehensive purchasing support services to business consumers in the process of acquiring office equipment, which includes creating customized RFPs and conducting on-site document imaging device usage assessments. For more information about Buyers Lab, visit www.buyerslab.com.