

## ***Groundbreaking at PCA's Valdosta Mill***

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On Tuesday, February 2, PCA broke ground to expand its linerboard mill in Valdosta, Georgia. A new recovery boiler will replace three existing boilers built in 1953, and a new turbine generator will result in efficiency improvements in paper machine drying. The boilers, previously run on oil, will now run on renewable energy.

Paul Stecko, Chairman and CEO of PCA, explained that the renovations will not only help maintain a productive mill, but do so in a cost-efficient manner.

"When the recession hit, two things changed, and we used them to our advantage: the costs for equipment to operate the mill was lowered and green energy was pushed."

The PCA Valdosta mill is on a journey toward becoming a greener operation. As part of that journey, the mill is said to generate an ancillary benefit of approximately \$370,000 to the local community, employing about 300 construction workers, with a payroll of \$75-\$100 million.



*Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony were (from left to right) Robert Carter, Lowndes County Commissioner; Gary Minchew, Chairman of the Board, Valdosta/Lowndes County Industrial Authority; Paul Stecko, PCA Chairman and CEO; Mark Kowlzan, PCA Senior Vice President, Containerboard; Eddie Aarons, AMEC Vice President (PCA's consulting and engineering firm for the project); and David Carmon, PCA Valdosta Mill Manager.*