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**TOM WEISENBACH, XPEDX EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
MARKETING AND SALES, TO RETIRE SEPT. 30**

CINCINNATI, Ohio, August 17, 2009—Tom Weisenbach, xpedx executive vice president of Marketing and Sales, has announced he will retire on Sept. 30. xpedx is a division of International Paper where Tom also serves as vice president. He will leave the company after 35 years of service.

Throughout his career Tom has held a number of senior management-level positions, including vice president of the company's Tri-State Group, and senior vice president of its former South Central Region. He began his tenure in 1974 with Chatfield Paper Company (Zellerbach), starting out as a commissioned sales representative in Marion, Ohio. Later, under his leadership, both the Tri-State Group and South Central Region were among the top performers at xpedx. In 2008 Tom restructured the xpedx marketing and sales organization, creating customer-centric business models for serving the printing, manufacturing and facility maintenance industries.

"Tom is a man of sound character and a great role model for our organization," said xpedx President Tom Kadien. "We'll miss his market expertise, his leadership, and his keen ability to develop and mentor our team members."

Tom earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing from Ohio State University, Columbus. Upon retirement, Tom will pursue opportunities in higher education, teaching sales, marketing and leadership at Ohio University, Athens. He will also continue to volunteer on behalf of pediatric medicine, and will serve on the Board of Directors for Lion Apparel, a Dayton business.

About xpedx

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