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**MERCER INTERNATIONAL INC. TO PRESENT AT
UPCOMING SIDOTI CONFERENCE**

NEW YORK, NY, January 5, 2012 -- Mercer International Inc. (Nasdaq: MERC, TSX: MRI.U) today announced that Executive Vice President, CFO and Secretary, David Gandossi and Controller, Richard Short will be presenting at the following conference:

Sidoti & Company Semi-annual Micro Cap Conference

January 9, 2012

1:20 PM

Grand Hyatt New York

109 East 42nd Street

New York, NY

A copy of management's presentation will be posted in the "Investors" section on the Company's web site (<http://mercerint.com>) on the morning of the event.

Mercer International Inc. is a global pulp manufacturing company. To obtain further information on the company, please visit its web site at <http://www.mercerint.com>.

The preceding includes forward looking statements which involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause our actual results in future periods to differ materially from forecasted results. Among those factors which could cause actual results to differ materially are the following: the continuing effects of the recent economic and financial turmoil, the highly cyclical nature of our business, raw material costs, our level of indebtedness, competition, foreign exchange and interest rate fluctuations, our use of derivatives, expenditures for capital projects, environmental regulation and compliance, disruptions to our production, market conditions and other risk factors listed from time to time in our SEC reports.

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