

UPM BLANDIN PAPER MILL
(GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA)

UPM Blandin Paper Mill; Grand Rapids, Minn. - One of the world's leading producers of printing papers, UPM can produce paper at a mill in Finland and ship the paper across the Atlantic Ocean, then deliver it by competitive rail to customers in the Southeastern United States – a distance of approximately 5,000 miles – for about the same transportation cost as paper manufactured at UPM's Blandin Paper Mill in Minnesota and delivered by a monopoly rail carrier to the same customers – a distance of approximately 1400 miles. Georgia kaolin clay is an essential component in the manufacture of coated paper. Due to the lack of rail competition in the United States, the cost to transport kaolin clay by rail from Georgia to paper mills in Minnesota is more than 40% higher than the cost to transport it to paper mills in Finland.