

Pratt Industries Hosts Grand Opening

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Pratt Industries celebrated the grand opening of its recycled paper mill and material recovery facility in Shreveport, La., with Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal.

Pratt is the sixth largest paper and packaging company in the United States.

Jindal, flanked by Pratt's chairman and owner Anthony Pratt, said, "We're working to attract companies like Pratt that will help our state compete in new industry sectors, which is critical for our future growth."

The mill, Pratt's third in the United States, produces lightweight container board which company officials believe will help the drive to less packaging and less waste in America.

"This is the most advanced recycled paper mill in the world and it's a dream come true for me and my family," said Pratt. "Our company has more than 50 plants across the United States providing 3500 green-collar jobs but this site is our crowning achievement."

Pratt added that the company now rolling out a commercial recycling program in the Shreveport area.

The Shreveport mill is part of Pratt's commitment to the Clinton Global Initiative in 2007 to invest \$1 billion over the ensuing decade on recycling and clean energy technology.

As part of that pledge the company is close to bringing on line a \$50 million dollar clean energy plant at its headquarters in Conyers, Ga., to power the paper mill there.