

## **Smurfit-Stone considers bankruptcy court protection**

Jan. 16 -- One of the world's largest paper recyclers is considering bankruptcy court protection, according to new reports.

Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. is considering the move due to decreased sales and cash problems, reported The Wall Street Journal, which cited unidentified sources.

Shares for the company fell by 30 cents to just 6 cents per share on Jan. 15 on the report.

Smurfit-Stone handles more than 7 million tons of recyclables each year, mostly recovered fiber. The recycled paper is either used to make new packaging products by the company or sold to third-party customers.

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