THE PROPERTIES OF PULP PAPER FROM EMPTY FRUIT BUNCH (EFB) AND KENAF BY USING SODA, SODA AQ, AND KRAFT PULPING PROCESS

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ABSTRACT

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Pulp and paper from Empty fruits bunches, kenaf core and kenaf bast are prepared by using soda, soda aq and kraft pulping processes (20% Active Alkali, 170°C and 2 hours cooking time). Tear Index, Burst index and freeness have been tested according to TAPPI standard method. The highest tear index (0.66803) come from kenaf bast and Kraft pulping. Kraft pulping also shows the higest Burst Index compare to soda and soda-AQ pulping. Kenaf core shows the lowest freeness value followed by EFB and Kenaf bast.

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