



Sappi Limited

Debt Update

March 2013

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Forward looking statements

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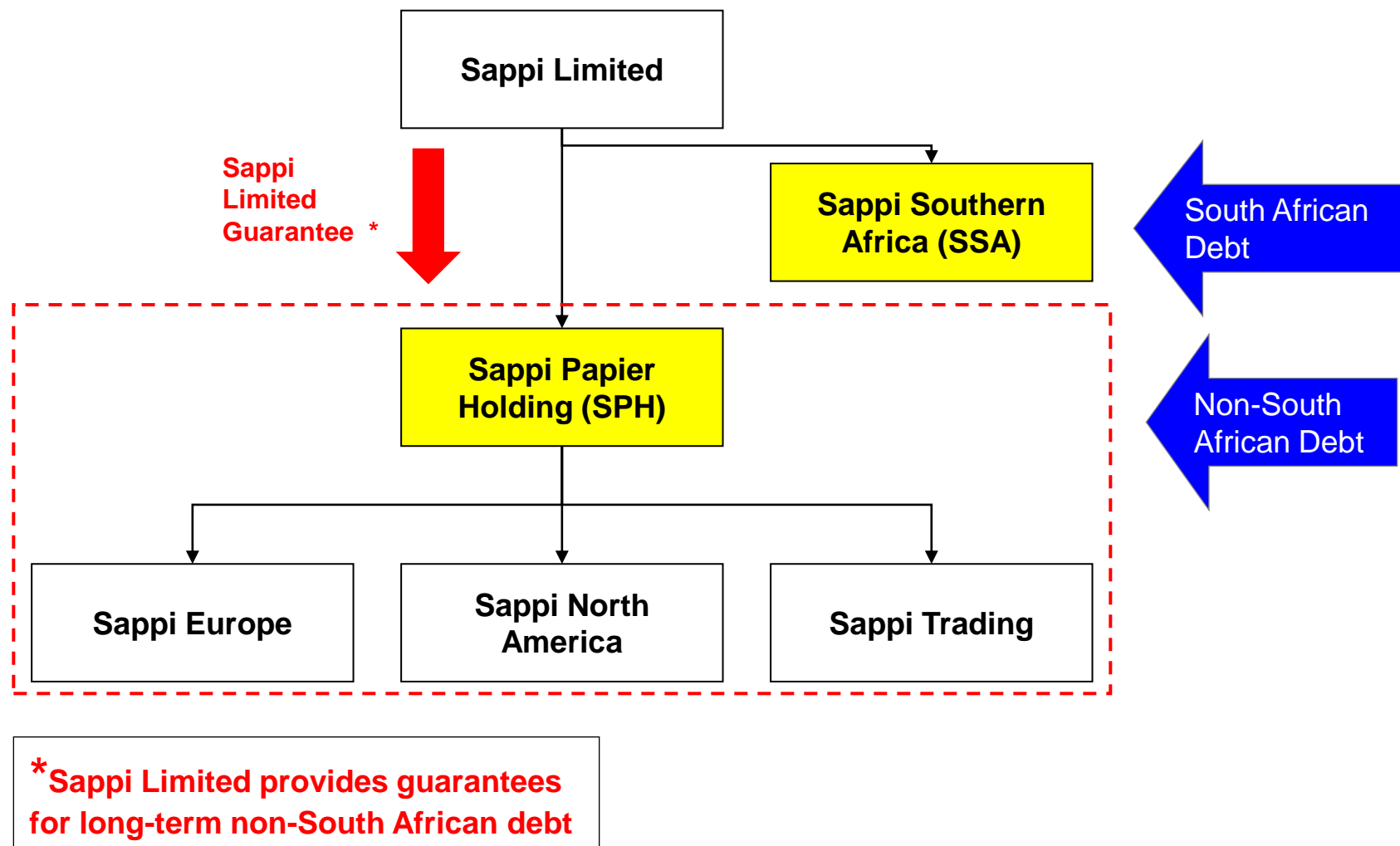
- the highly cyclical nature of the pulp and paper industry (and the factors that contribute to such cyclicity, such as levels of demand, production capacity, production, input costs including raw material, energy and employee costs, and pricing);
- the impact on our business of the global economic downturn;
- unanticipated production disruptions (including as a result of planned or unexpected power outages);
- changes in environmental, tax and other laws and regulations;
- adverse changes in the markets for our products;
- the emergence of new technologies and changes in consumer trends including increased preferences for digital media;
- consequences of our leverage, including as a result of adverse changes in credit markets that affect our ability to raise capital when needed;
- adverse changes in the political situation and economy in the countries in which we operate or the effect of governmental efforts to address present or future economic or social problems;
- the impact of restructurings, investments, acquisitions, dispositions and other strategic initiatives (including related financing), any delays, unexpected costs or other problems experienced in connection with dispositions or with integrating acquisitions or implementing restructuring or strategic initiatives (including our announced dissolving wood pulp conversion projects), and achieving expected savings and synergies; and
- currency fluctuations.

We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether to reflect new information or future events or circumstances or otherwise.

Regulation G disclosure

Certain non-GAAP financial information is contained in this presentation that management believe may be useful in comparing the company's operating results from period to period. Reconciliation's of certain of the non-GAAP measures to the corresponding GAAP measures can be found in the quarterly results booklet for the relevant period. These booklets are located in the 'Investor Info' section of www.sappi.com.

Group Structure – Sappi entities taking up debt



Debt Overview

<u>US\$ millions</u>	September 2012	December 2012	March 2013
LONG TERM DEBT	2.358	2.292	2.243
SECURED DEBT	1.424	1.385	1.356
SUBORDINATED DEBT	741	716	673
SECURITISATION	380	360	347
(LESS - SHORT-TERM PORTION)	(187)	(169)	(133)
NET SHORT TERM DEBT	(379)	(198)	(90)
OVERDRAFTS, CPs & RCF DRAWING	79	137	174
SHORT TERM PORTION OF LONG TERM DEBT	187	169	133
(LESS CASH)	(645)	(504)	(398)
NET DEBT	1.979	2.095	2.152

Refer to note 20 in the 2012 Sappi Limited Annual Report on Form 20-F for a detailed debt description

Detailed Debt Summary – March 2013

US\$ millions	Non USD Debt	USD Amount
Sappi Southern Africa Long Term Debt	R2,565	278
2017 Bond - US\$ (swapped to €)		400
2018 Bond - Euro	€ 250	321
2019 Bond - US\$ (swapped to €)		300
2021 Bond - US\$		350
2032 Bond		221
OeKB Term Loan	€ 136	174
Securitised Receivables EUR	€ 176	226
Securitised Receivables USD		121
Sappi Europe Leases	€ 3	4
IFRS Adjustments (upfront fees and discounts on Bonds)		(18)
Long Term Debt		2.376
less Short Term Portion of Long Term Debt		(133)
Total Long Term Debt		2.243
Short Term Loans & Overdrafts (excl. South Africa)		75
Short Term Loans & Overdrafts South Africa		99
Short Term Portion of Long Term Debt (All South Africa)		133
LESS Cash - Sappi South Africa		(92)
LESS Cash - Sappi Group (excl. South Africa)		(306)
NET DEBT AT MARCH 2013		2.152

Consists of an OeKB Trade Finance facility in Austria, which is rolled quarterly

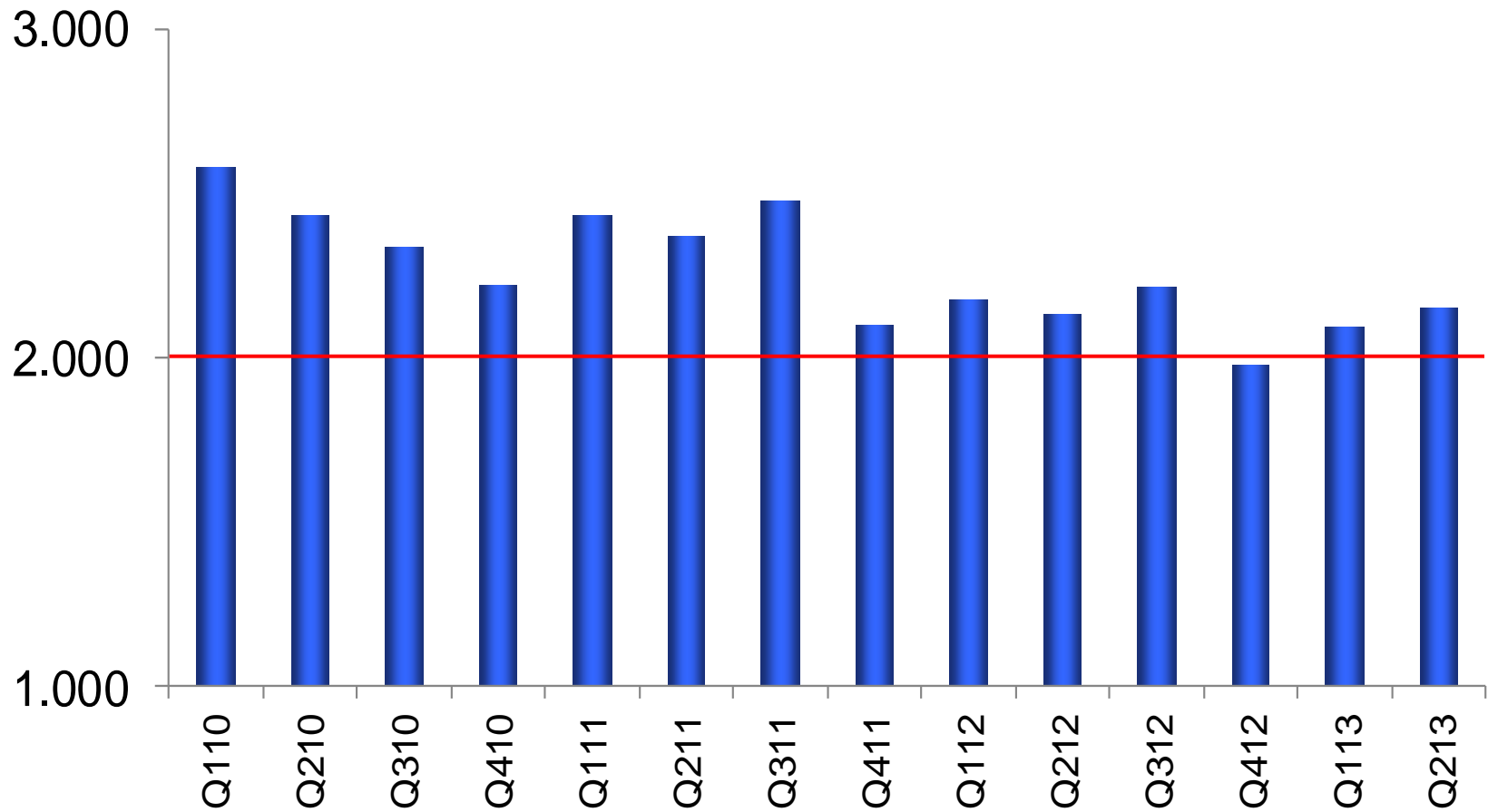
Consists mainly of a South African RCF drawing and commercial paper issued in South Africa.

Debt secured by security package, see slide 12

Net Debt Movement

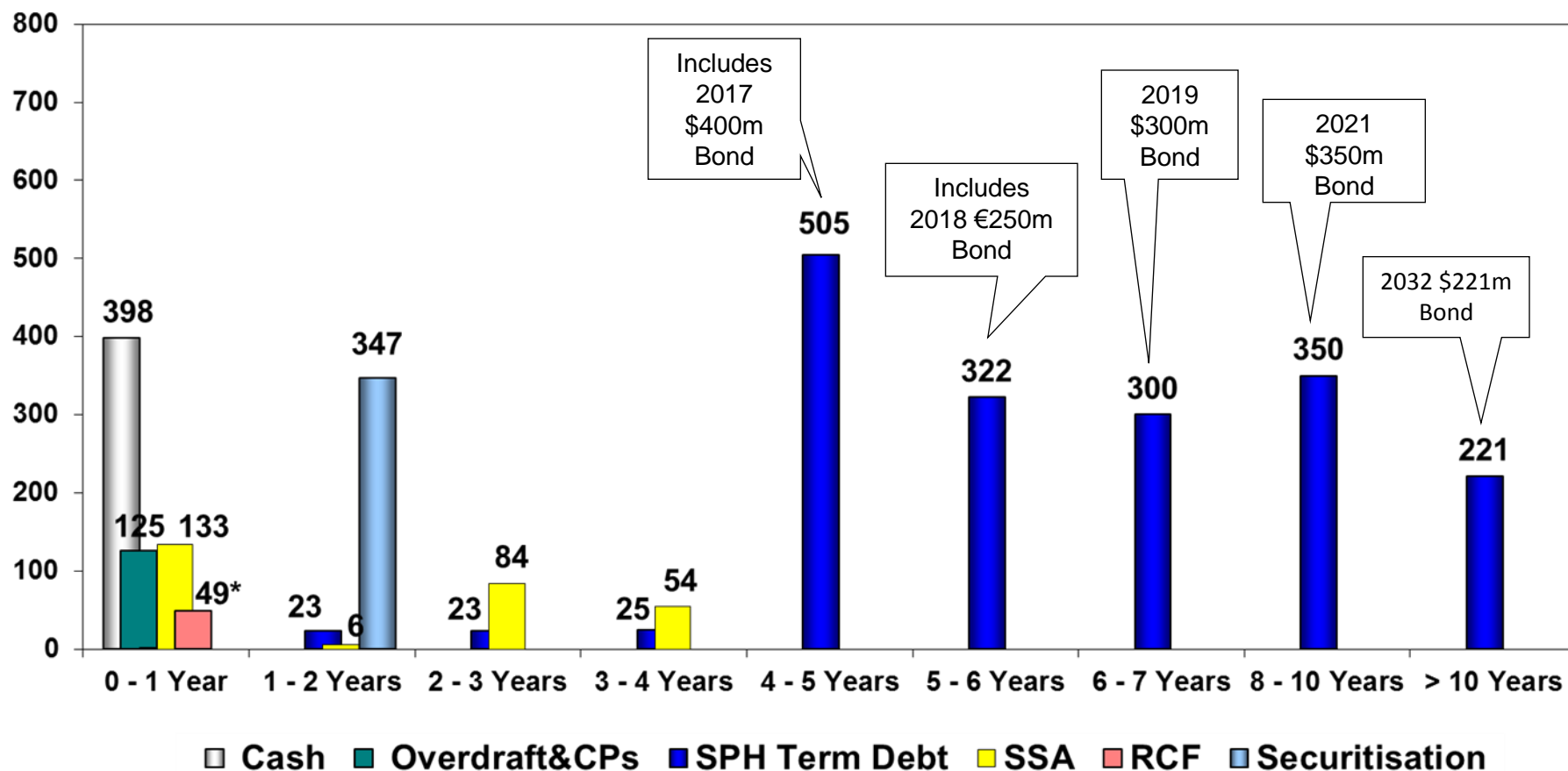
	US\$ million
	Q2 Mar 2013
Net Debt - beginning of period	2.095
Net Cash utilised during the period	99
Currency, fair value and other	(42)
Net Debt - March 2013	2.152

Net Debt Development



Maturity Profile (Annual) – as at March 2013

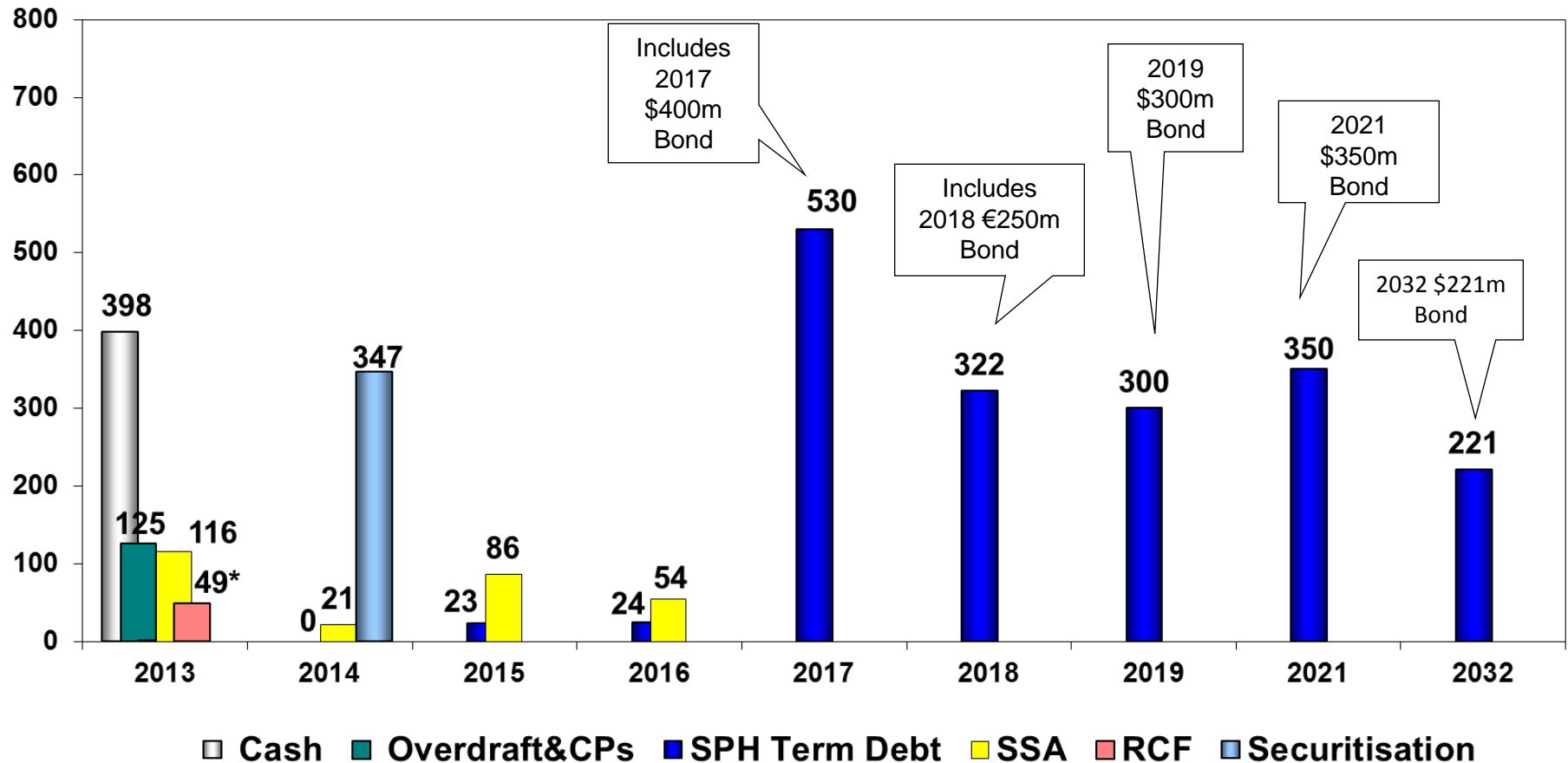
USD million



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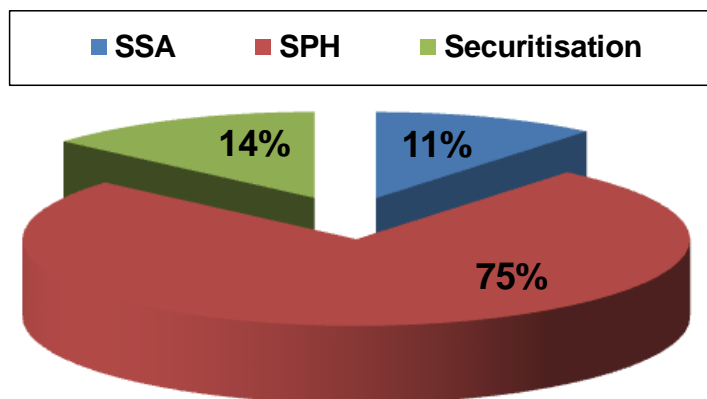
Maturity Profile (Fiscal) – as at March 2013

USD million

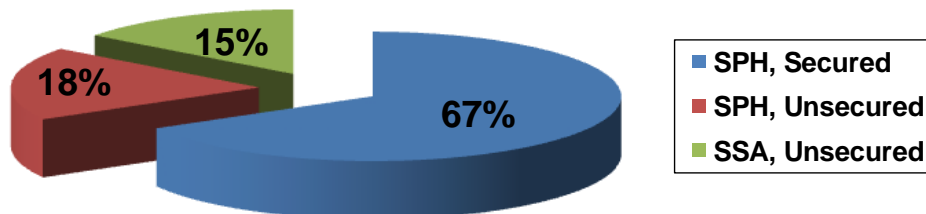


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Debt Split (gross debt)

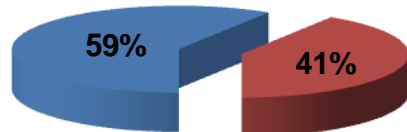


Sappi takes up debt mainly at SPH and SSA, refer to slide 3. Securitisation debt is taken up in a central special purpose vehicle which is consolidated in the group results.

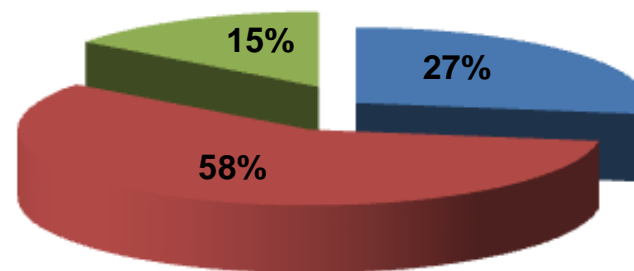


Debt Ratios (gross debt unless otherwise stated)

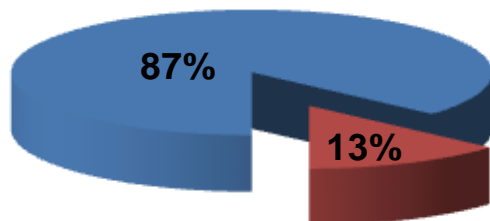
■ Fixed Rate Debt ■ Variable Rate Debt



■ USD Debt ■ EUR Debt ■ ZAR Debt



■ Public Debt ■ Bank Debt



Debt by currency, based on gross debt and includes effect of currency swaps and hedges.

Security Package for Secured Debt

Cession of Intercompany Loans

Loans in excess of \$25 million between guarantor companies and other Sappi group companies.

Pledge of Inventory

- U.S. Inventory, with certain exceptions

First charge over Property, Plant and Equipment

Mill	Country
Gratkorn	Austria
Kirkniemi	Finland
Maastricht	Netherlands
Nijmegen	Netherlands

Mill	State
Somerset	Maine
Cloquet	Minnesota

Share Pledges

Pledges of the following shares:

Material Holding Companies within the Sappi Papier Holding group and other material subsidiaries.

Total debt secured by the PP&E assets is limited to an amount of 15% of consolidated net tangible assets of SPH as required under the limitation of liens contained in the 2032 Notes.

Key Historical Cash Flow Items

Key cash flow items (\$m)	FY Sept-10	FY Sept-11	FY Sept-12
Cash generated by operations	737	798	721
Change in net working capital	(5)	(98)	(95)
Maintenance capex	(182)	(153)	(141)
Cash taxes	(9)	(38)	(20)
Net finance costs	(194)	(256)	(195)
Other ¹	23	19	72
Cash flow post maintenance capex	370	272	333
Expansion capex	(29)	(110)	(217)
Dividends	-	-	-
Key figures & ratios:			
EBITDA excluding special items ²	752	821	772
Net debt	2,221	2,100	1,979
Net Debt / EBITDA	2.9x	2.6x	2.6x
EBITDA / Net finance costs ³	2.9x	3.1x	4.0x

1. Other in 2012 includes proceeds from the sale of non-core assets

2. EBITDA excludes \$51m (2010) of alternative fuel tax credits earned in North America, and treated as a special item. Refer to page 52 of our 2011 Integrated Report for a definition of special items

3. Net finance costs per Income Statement (excluding non-recurring breakage fees)

Please refer to published results for full financial summary.

Bank Covenants

Three bank covenants exist at the consolidated Sappi Limited level, i.e. two debt covenants and an interest coverage covenant. In addition, two bank covenants exist at the Sappi Southern Africa level for its own bank facilities, i.e. a debt covenant and an interest covenant.

At the end of March 2013 all covenants were met.

Regular monitoring of compliance with the covenants occurs. In the event of a possible future breach of a financial covenant, negotiations would commence with the applicable institutions before such breach occurs.

Rating Agency Ratings

S&P and Moody's have assigned the following credit ratings:

Moody's	Sappi Group Rating	Secured Debt	Unsecured Debt
February 2009	Ba2/Negative/NP		
June 2009	Ba3/Stable/NP		
September 2009		Ba2	B2
April 2011 to present	Ba3/Positive/NP	Ba2	B2

S&P	Sappi Group Rating	Secured Debt	Unsecured Debt
February 2009	BB/Negative/B		
May 2009	BB-/Stable/B		
September 2009		BB	B+
April 2011 to present	BB-/Stable/B	BB	B

Fitch has assigned the following credit rating to Sappi Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd:

Fitch	SSA Local Rating
November 2009	A/Negative/F1
March 2011	A/Stable/F1
January 2013	A+/Stable/F1

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