

Sappi Limited

Johannesburg

Announcement

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Sappi Limited

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

Registration number: 1936/008963/06

JSE share code: SAP

ISIN code: ZAE000006284 ("Sappi" or the "Company")

Changes to the Board of Directors

In terms of paragraph 3.59 (a) of the Listing Requirements of the JSE Limited, Sappi shareholders are advised of the following changes to the Board of directors of Sappi (the "Board"):

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr James Lopez as independent nonexecutive director with effect from 01 March 2019.

Mr Lopez is the former President and CEO of Tembec Inc (2006-2017) having progressed through management, senior management and executive positions within Tembec since 1989. In 2017 Mr Lopez successfully negotiated the sale of Tembec Inc, a manufacturer of lumber, pulp, paper/paperboard and specialty cellulose and a global leader in sustainable forest management practices.

Mr Lopez is currently the Co-Chairman of the Bi-National Softwood Lumber Council. Previous Chairmanships included the Softwood Lumber Board, Forest products Innovation and Ontario Forest Products Association.

Commenting on the appointment, Sir Nigel Rudd said: "Mr Lopez brings significant industry experience to Sappi's board. He is a seasoned industry leader with strong global expertise in dissolving pulp and commercial forestry. He will make a significant contribution to Sappi's growth strategy."

The Board would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Lopez to the Sappi group.

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