

SAPPI SOUTHERN AFRICA LIMITED
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Sappi has declared force majeure on the Dissolving Pulp ('Vulindlela') expansion and upgrade project at its Saiccor Mill in alignment with the South African Government's declaration of a nation-wide lockdown to combat the COVID-19 Epidemic

Sappi Southern Africa wishes to announce that it has informed all suppliers, vendors and contractors of its decision to declare force majeure and cease all work at the Vulindlela expansion and upgrade project at its Saiccor Mill in alignment with the South African Government's declaration of a nation-wide lockdown to combat the COVID-19 epidemic. The project is 65 percent complete and is materially on track. It is currently undergoing a controlled shut down. The project will recommence based on government guidance. Sappi does not expect any material cost increases from the declaration of force majeure and future cash flows will be aligned to the revised project timelines.

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