


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 (b) of the Listing Requirements of the JSE Limited, Sappi shareholders are advised that Dr Danie Cronjé will retire as independent Chairman of the Board of directors of Sappi (the "Board") at the end of February 2016, after the next Annual General Meeting ("AGM") to be held on 10 February 2016. The 2016 Notice of the AGM, together with the 2015 annual financial results, will be released by the company in December 2015.



Dr Cronjé was appointed to the Board in January 2008 and was appointed as Independent Chairman on 3 March 2008.

The Board wishes to thank Dr Cronjé for his valuable contribution over the years. His wisdom and counsel will be sorely missed as the company charts the next stage of its journey.



Further to this, the Board is pleased to announce that Sir Nigel Rudd, who joined the Board in April 2006, will succeed Dr Cronjé as independent Chairman of the company with effect from 1 March 2016. At present Sir Nigel is the lead independent director of the Board.

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