

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")

## **CHANGE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In terms of paragraph 3.59 (b) 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") with effect from 28 February 2017.

Mrs Bridgette Radebe will retire as independent non-executive director after serving for 12 years. Mrs Radebe was appointed to the Board in May 2004 and was appointed to the Social, Ethics, Transformation and Sustainability Committee in February 2012.

Mr Frits Beurskens will retire as independent non-executive director after serving for 5 years. Mr Beurskens was appointed to the Board in October 2011 and served on the Audit Committee and chaired the Audit Committee of Sappi Europe.

The Board extends its gratitude to Mrs Radebe and Mr Beurskens for their contribution and support to the company.

Sir Nigel Rudd, Sappi's chairman, commented: "Bridgette Radebe has been a valued colleague for many years. I would like to thank her for the significant contribution which she has made to Sappi since she was appointed to the Board more than 12 years ago. She added a fresh perspective to board discussions and her knowledge and experience supported the growth of Sappi during a crucial period of the company's history." He continued: "I also wish to thank Mr Beurskens for his valuable contribution as the Chair of the Sappi Europe Audit Committee and member of the group Audit Committee, as well as for the role he played on the Board during this important phase of the company's development".

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