



### Sustainability starts with the supply chain: Sappi's new Group Woodfibre Procurement Policy sets ambitious goals for our own sourcing as well as clear requirements for our suppliers.

Sappi's revised Woodfibre Procurement Policy describes our goals, principles and requirements for the procurement of wood based raw materials. The policy defines Sappi's commitment to sourcing woodfibre from forests in a manner that promotes their health and supports community wellbeing.

While the policy does not fundamentally change the robust fibre procurement practices we have had as a company, it more clearly articulates our commitments to a range of important sustainability issues and our expectations for suppliers. It also takes into account the adoption of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) and the United Nations Agenda 2030 targets.

The two underlying principles behind the revised Woodfibre Procurement Policy are **holistic sustainability** and **enhanced transparency**. Ensuring woodfibre supply from responsibly managed sources was already a strong guiding principle of Sappi's previous Woodfibre Procurement Policy. The new policy takes this further by acknowledging the wider impacts procurement practices have on sustainable development. Thriving forests and landscapes are key to meeting the global drive for sustainability and forests are linked to almost all of the SDG goals, be they poverty reduction or climate change mitigation.

"It is vital that companies are held accountable for ensuring that the forests from which they source are sustainably benefited, and that forest and forest environments, including communities, are protected for future generations," says **Krelyne Andrew**, General Manager, Sustainability of the Sappi Dissolving Wood Pulp business. "A Woodfibre Procurement Policy is an important public and transparent sign of commitment, to which companies can align behaviour and drive common action, at all levels of operation."

Knowing the origin of woodfibre is a fundamental prerequisite to ensure responsible sourcing, and thus Sappi requires from all its wood and pulp suppliers rigorous tracing practices and documentation of the origin of the wood. "The new Woodfibre Procurement Policy affirms our long-term commitment to sourcing fibres from sustainable sources and will be incorporated in all our contracts from now on," confirms **Norman Snel**, Strategic Sourcing Manager of Sappi Europe.

Forest certification is an efficient tool for driving sustainable consumption and production and to combat deforestation, forest degradation and illegal logging providing proof of legality and responsible practices. This is why the Woodfibre Procurement Policy and Sappi's supplier qualification and evaluation systems emphasise forest certification systems' central role. Sappi recognises credible third-party forest certification systems including the FSC™, PEFC™, SFI® and other PEFC-endorsed systems, and requires that all its woodfibre supplies are sourced from controlled, non-controversial sources in accordance with the FSC™ Controlled Wood Standard, as well as PEFC™ (and SFI® in North America) risk-based due diligence system(s).<sup>1</sup>

Sappi's Woodfibre Procurement Policy is frequently provided to customers as a way of demonstrating our commitment to obtaining woodfibre sustainably and transparently. "Procurement operations are front and centre in our customers' minds, not only for woodfibre, but for all materials. They want to know that not only do we practise good business ethics and manage risk in our sourcing, but that our wood and pulp suppliers do as well," **Bob Forsberg**, Vice President Sales & Business Development highlights. "The revised policy assures stakeholders that our commitment to responsible wood procurement, for the benefit of people, planet and prosperity, is robust and crystal clear," he concludes.

Please find Sappi's new Woodfibre Procurement Policy here:  
[www.sappi.com/groupwoodfibreprocurementpolicy](http://www.sappi.com/groupwoodfibreprocurementpolicy)

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