Wood, Pulp and Reclaimed Material Sourcing Policy

This policy supports Sappi’s Group Sustainability Charter and our approach to sustainable development.

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Being a sustainable organisation means that we balance and integrate the 3Ps into our business decisions, strategies and processes to help us add more value for all our stakeholders. Our strong sustainability governance structure is underpinned by our commitment to living our value statement: 
At Sappi we do business with Integrity and Courage; making Smart decisions which we execute with Speed. Our values are underpinned by an unrelenting focus on and commitment to safety.

We focus on treading more lightly on the Planet through continuous improvement towards cleaner, more efficient manufacturing and waste beneficiation processes in order to produce more with less.

We also focus on creating a safe, healthy workplace for our people.

Within Sappi’s various Southern African divisions we procure wood, pulp and reclaimed material as applicable for consumption in Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®)-certified grades of specialised cellulose, pulp, paper, paper packaging and board in our Southern African mills.

We supply and purchase only FSC®-certified and controlled wood market pulp as required by our mills and maintain chain of custody (CoC) throughout our procurement and supply chains.

In keeping with the principles and criteria of the FSC®, and to demonstrate responsibility, Sappi Southern Africa will only source wood and market pulp that comes from sources that:
• Do not undertake illegal logging or trade in illegal wood or forest products
• Do not violate traditional and human rights in forestry operations
• Do not destroy high conservation values in forestry operations
• Do not significantly convert forests to plantations or non-forest use
• Do not introduce genetically modified organisms in forestry operations, and
• Do not violate any of the ILO core conventions (as defined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work).

Reclaimed paper material shall be sourced and separated into pre- and post-consumer material and the CoC maintained throughout our sourcing and logistics supply process to our receiving mills.

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