

Sappi Limited

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Announcement

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Sappi Limited (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) Registration number: 1936/008963/06 JSE share code: SAP ISIN code: ZAE000006284 LEI Number: 549300SSI7XQH8ESJG95 ("Sappi" or the "Company")

Sappi not to proceed with €250 million senior notes offering at this time due to market conditions

Sappi has decided not to proceed with the proposed offering of €250 million senior notes at this time due to unsatisfactory market conditions. Sappi has a long history of prudent and proactive balance sheet management. Consistent with that and in light of the strong liquidity position it already has, the Company is in a position to be flexible and proactive about its approach to bond markets.

Sponsor : UBS South Africa (Pty) Ltd

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