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SAPPI LIMITED

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- the highly cyclical nature of the pulp and paper industry (and the factors that contribute to such cyclicality, such as levels of demand, production capacity, production, input costs including raw material, energy and employee costs, and pricing);
- the impact on the business of the global economic downturn;
- unanticipated production disruptions (including as a result of planned or unexpected power outages);
- changes in environmental, tax and other laws and regulations;
- adverse changes in the markets for the Group’s products;
- the emergence of new technologies and changes in consumer trends increase preferences for digital media;
- consequences of the Group’s leverage, including as a result of adverse changes in credit markets that affect the Group’s ability to raise capital when needed;
- adverse changes in the political situation and economy in the countries in which the Group operates or the effect of governmental efforts to address present or future economic or social problems;
- the impact of restructurings, investments, acquisitions, dispositions and other strategic initiatives (including related financing), any delays, unexpected costs or other problems experienced in connection with dispositions or with integrating acquisitions or implementing restructurings or strategic initiatives (including dissolving wood pulp conversion projects), and achieving expected savings and synergies; and
- currency fluctuations.

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Third Quarter results for the period ended June 2013

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3rd quarter results

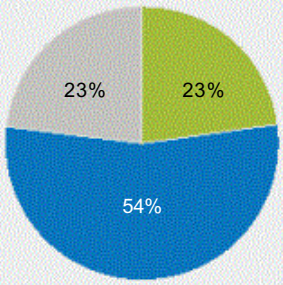
Sappi works closely with customers, both direct and indirect, in over 100 countries to provide them with relevant and sustainable paper, paper-pulp and dissolving wood pulp products and related services and innovations.

Our market-leading range of paper products includes: coated fine papers used by printers, publishers and corporate end-users in the production of books, brochures, magazines, catalogues, direct mail and many other print applications; casting release papers used by suppliers to the fashion, textiles, automobile and household industries; and in our Southern African region, newsprint, uncoated graphic and business papers, premium-quality packaging papers, paper-grade pulp and dissolving wood pulp.

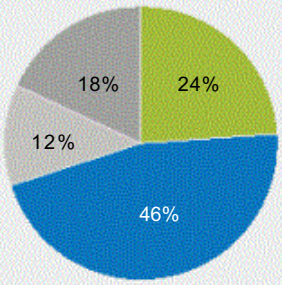
Our dissolving wood pulp products are used worldwide by converters to create viscose fibre, acetate tow, pharmaceutical products as well as a wide range of consumer products.

The pulp needed for our products is either produced within Sappi or bought from accredited suppliers. Across the group, Sappi is close to 'pulp neutral', meaning that we sell almost as much pulp as we buy.

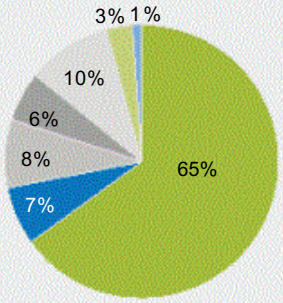
Sales by source*



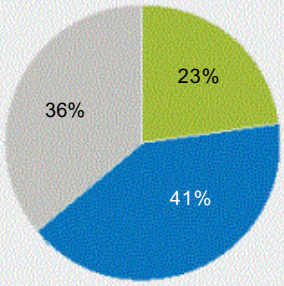
Sales by destination*



Sales by product*



Net operating assets**



** for the period ended June 2013*

*** as at June 2013*

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The bulk of our dissolving wood pulp production is used to make viscose staple fibre, a biodegradable, natural, organic product with breathability and moisture absorbency properties. As the global population grows, particularly in Asia where most of our dissolving wood pulp production is currently exported, so too, will demand for comfortable clothing. We are a market leader in the VSF segment and are ideally positioned to take advantage of increased demand.

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Financial summary for the quarter

- Successful start-up of both dissolving wood pulp projects
- Operating profit excluding special items US$8 million (Q3 2012 US$60 million)
- Loss for the period US$42 million (Q3 2012 US$106 million loss)
- Loss per share 8 US cents (Q3 2012 loss of 20 US cents)
- Net finance costs of US$42 million (Q3 2012 US$141 million)
- Net debt US$2,297 million (Q3 2012 US$2,213 million)

	Quarter ended			Nine months ended	
	Jun 2013	Jun 2012	Mar 2013	**Jun 2013**	Jun 2012
Key figures: (US$ million)					
Sales	**1,417**	1,544	1,503	**4,395**	4,762
Operating (loss) profit	**(11)**	34	78	**137**	261
Special items – losses (gains) [1]	**19**	26	(38)	**(16)**	24
Operating profit excluding special items [2]	**8**	60	40	**121**	285
EBITDA excluding special items [2]	**91**	150	128	**381**	561
(Loss) profit for the period	**(42)**	(106)	7	**(18)**	(3)
Basic (loss) earnings per share (US cents)	**(8)**	(20)	1	**(3)**	(1)
Net debt [3]	**2,297**	2,213	2,152	**2,297**	2,213
Key ratios: (%)					
Operating (loss) profit to sales	**(0.8)**	2.2	5.2	**3.1**	5.5
Operating profit excluding special items to sales	**0.6**	3.9	2.7	**2.8**	6.0
Operating profit excluding special items to capital employed (ROCE)	**0.9**	6.4	4.4	**4.5**	10.3
EBITDA excluding special items to sales	**6.4**	9.7	8.5	**8.7**	11.8
Return on average equity (ROE) [4]	**(12.1)**	(26.5)	1.9	**(1.7)**	(0.3)
Net debt to total capitalisation [4]	**63.2**	58.7	59.9	**63.2**	58.7
Net asset value per share (US cents)	**257**	299	277	**257**	299

(1) Refer to page 15 for details on special items.

(2) Refer to page 15, note 8 to the group results for the reconciliation of EBITDA excluding special items and operating profit excluding special items to segment operating (loss) profit, and loss for the period.

(3) Refer to page 17, supplemental information for the reconciliation of net debt to interest-bearing borrowings.

(4) Refer to page 16, supplemental information for the definition of the term.

Commentary on the quarter

Market conditions, particularly in our European paper business, deteriorated further during the quarter. This, coupled with our conversion projects and planned annual maintenance shuts, impacted group operating profit excluding special items for the period which consequently declined to US$8 million.

The third financial quarter is seasonally our weakest with typically lower demand in Europe and North America and with planned annual maintenance shuts at most of our major pulp mills. In this transitional year, the quarter was also impacted by the extended shuts at both the Cloquet and Ngodwana mills as they completed the capital projects to convert existing paper pulp lines to produce dissolving wood pulp.

The third quarter results were also impacted by special items including a charge of US$11 million related to a plantation price fair value adjustment and a charge of US$4 million due to plantation fire damage in South Africa.

Net finance costs for the quarter of US$42 million were in line with those of the prior quarter. The comparative Q3 2012 net finance costs of US$141 million included the once-off charges of US$89 million related to the bond refinancing during that quarter.

Both the dissolving wood pulp projects at the Ngodwana and Cloquet pulp mills have now started production. The Cloquet mill produced the first bales of dissolving wood pulp in early June, and the ramp-up has progressed according to schedule with production and quality targets having been met. The Ngodwana mill started up in late July, a few weeks later than scheduled, and we expect this mill to ramp-up to full production over the coming months.

Cash flow and debt

Net cash utilised in the quarter was US$157 million, compared to net cash utilisation of US$56 million in the equivalent quarter last year. This increase in cash utilisation was mainly as a result of capital expenditure of US$174 million which related primarily to strategic investments in expanding our dissolving wood pulp capacity and lower profits from operations. We expect that capital expenditure for the full year will not exceed US$600 million.

The expected marginal increase in net debt to US$2,297 million compared to both the equivalent quarter last year (US$2,213 million) and the prior quarter (US$2,152 million), was largely as a result of the capital expenditure incurred during the quarter.

At quarter-end, liquidity remained strong with cash on hand of US$236 million and US$561 million available from the undrawn committed revolving credit facilities in Europe and South Africa and we have sufficient liquidity to complete the spending on the various capital projects. During the quarter, the €330 million international securitisation programme was renewed and the facility maturity date extended to 2016.

Operating Review for the Quarter

Europe

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 € million	Quarter ended Mar 2013 € million	Quarter ended Dec 2012 € million	Quarter ended Sept 2012 € million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 € million
Sales	**574**	624	616	659	**620**
Operating (loss) profit excluding special items	**(13)**	(1)	16	35	**8**
Operating (loss) profit excluding special items to sales (%)	**(2.3)**	(0.2)	2.6	5.3	**1.3**
EBITDA excluding special items	**24**	34	54	73	**47**
EBITDA excluding special items to sales (%)	**4.2**	5.4	8.8	11.1	**7.6**
RONOA pa (%)	**(3.8)**	(0.3)	4.6	9.8	**2.2**

This seasonally slow quarter saw a significant decline in demand for our major paper grades, with total European industry deliveries of coated woodfree and coated mechanical paper down 8% year-on-year for the quarter. Our total sales volumes were 6% below that of the equivalent quarter last year despite good growth in specialities volumes.

Average prices realised were slightly higher than in the previous quarter, as a result of marginal price increases for coated woodfree paper, but remain on average below those of the equivalent quarter in the prior year. We continue to focus on tightly managing our costs, both fixed and variable costs per ton were lower than those of the equivalent quarter last year, although hardwood pulp prices continue to put pressure on margins.

The coated woodfree paper machine conversion project at the Alfeld mill, which will increase our speciality paper production, remains on track for start-up during the first financial quarter of 2014.

North America

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Mar 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Dec 2012 US$ million	Quarter ended Sept 2012 US$ million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 US$ million
Sales	**324**	341	346	377	**360**
Operating profit excluding special items	**2**	21	18	42	**18**
Operating profit excluding special items to sales (%)	**0.6**	6.2	5.2	11.1	**5.0**
EBITDA excluding special items	**20**	42	37	63	**38**
EBITDA excluding special items to sales (%)	**6.2**	12.3	10.7	16.7	**10.6**
RONOA pa (%)	**0.8**	8.9	7.9	18.2	**7.7**

The North American business successfully completed the conversion of the Cloquet pulp mill to produce dissolving wood pulp during the quarter and started production of dissolving wood pulp at the beginning of June. The start-up has proceeded according to plan with the first deliveries of dissolving wood pulp leaving the mill during the quarter with good quality levels being achieved. Operating profit for the current quarter was negatively impacted by an estimated US$12 million due to 22 days of incremental downtime taken for the Cloquet pulp mill conversion project and related ramp-up of operations.

Pulp sales volumes were heavily impacted by downtime related to the conversion and the building of stock to service the dissolving wood pulp business in the quarter. Dissolving wood pulp sales will increase over the next quarter as the business continues the ramp-up to full capacity.

Coated paper sales volumes were essentially flat year-on-year; however the average net sales price per ton was 4% lower than in the prior year due to a competitive local market and increased import pressure. Prices appeared to have stabilised during the quarter and we expect to realise some price increases on economy sheets and web products over the coming months.

The release business continues to perform well and sales volumes were up 11% compared to last year driven by improved demand and the success of our key new patterns.

Sappi Southern Africa

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 ZAR million	Quarter ended Mar 2013 ZAR million	Quarter ended Dec 2012 ZAR million	Quarter ended Sept 2012 ZAR million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 ZAR million
Sales	**3,255**	3,020	2,870	3,152	**3,159**
Operating profit excluding special items	**183**	180	270	276	**255**
Operating profit excluding special items to sales (%)	**5.6**	6.0	9.4	8.8	**8.1**
EBITDA excluding special items	**355**	359	452	473	**426**
EBITDA excluding special items to sales (%)	**10.9**	11.9	15.7	15.0	**13.5**
RONOA pa (%)	**4.6**	4.8	7.8	8.2	**7.6**

The Southern African Specialised Cellulose business' had another good quarter, generating ZAR463 million in EBITDA excluding special items at an EBITDA excluding special items margin of 30%. Sales volumes for the quarter were 183,000 tons, similar to the prior quarter and 8% lower than the equivalent quarter last year due to the timing of shipments. During the quarter, the planned annual maintenance shut of one of the pulp lines at Saiccor took place.

The estimated adverse operating profit impact of the conversion to produce dissolving wood pulp at the Ngodwana mill and the extended pulp mill downtime was approximately US$9 million during the quarter.

NBSK dollar pulp prices to which our dissolving pulp prices are linked, were higher than both the equivalent quarter last year as well as the prior quarter, with the weaker Rand/Dollar exchange rate also contributing to higher price levels. However, the dissolving pulp spot market remains competitive, with new dissolving wood pulp capacity and an oversupplied viscose staple fibre market increasing the pressure on sales prices.

The domestic paper packaging and office paper markets were weak during the quarter; although, towards the end of the quarter and to date, there have been encouraging indications in the containerboard segment of a possible improvement in volumes.

Variable costs, particularly purchased timber and pulp, remain a challenge, with the imported components especially problematic due to the weaker Rand exchange rate. Fixed costs were flat compared to the prior quarter and the equivalent quarter last year and we are pleased that we were able to reach an agreement with labour on wage increases for the forthcoming year.

Outlook

The past quarter saw a further deterioration in European paper industry conditions, exacerbating an already weak market, and demand is expected to remain subdued. Input costs, particularly pulp, remain high and we do not expect to see any price increases in our major paper grades in the coming quarter. Plans are being finalised that will result in significant capacity closure, lower costs and improved operating margins in Europe. We envisage these actions will occur over a three-year period and that any cash costs will be self-funded. The benefits of these actions will begin to flow in the 2014 financial year.

The South African paper business expects to see growth in containerboard volumes, although demand continues to be weak in other grades. Cost pressures and weak demand have resulted in further actions to improve the profitability being implemented.

The North American paper business is positioned to perform well in an increasingly competitive market and we expect to realise some price increases on economy sheets and web products over the coming months.

Our expanded global Specialised Cellulose business is focussed on selling the increasing dissolving wood pulp volumes, as the mills continue on their start-up curves, and cementing our position as the leading producer in this market. Dissolving wood pulp prices are under pressure in this competitive market and could have an impact on margins going forward.

Debt remains within the levels previously indicated despite the weaker operating performance. We expect debt levels to peak during the fourth quarter, as the final outlays for the dissolving wood pulp projects occur, and to end the quarter slightly lower than that reported for the third quarter. Our medium-term leverage target remains between 1.5 and 2 times net debt to EBITDA.

We expect our European business to make an operating loss in the fourth financial quarter which will result in the group making a small net loss for the financial year. Our full year results may be impacted by the aforementioned strategic initiatives and, any asset impairments and restructuring costs that may arise.

On behalf of the board

R J Boëttger
Director

S R Binnie
Director

02 August 2013

Forward-looking statements

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Condensed group income statement

	Note	Quarter ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2012 US$ million
Sales		**1,417**	1,544	**4,395**	4,762
Cost of sales		**1,327**	1,404	**3,900**	4,189
Gross profit		**90**	140	**495**	573
Selling, general and administrative expenses		**95**	103	**290**	315
Other operating expenses (income)		**8**	3	**73**	(3)
Share of profit from associates and joint ventures		**(2)**	–	**(5)**	–
Operating (loss) profit	2	**(11)**	34	**137**	261
Net finance costs		**42**	141	**124**	246
Net interest expense		**42**	140	**124**	249
Net foreign exchange loss (gain)		**1**	1	**1**	(1)
Net fair value gain on financial instruments		**(1)**	–	**(1)**	(2)
(Loss) profit before taxation		**(53)**	(107)	**13**	15
Taxation		**(11)**	(1)	**31**	18
Current		**(9)**	7	**(6)**	12
Deferred		**(2)**	(8)	**37**	6
Loss for the period		**(42)**	(106)	**(18)**	(3)
Basic loss per share (US cents)		**(8)**	(20)	**(3)**	(1)
Weighted average number of shares in issue (millions)		**521.5**	520.8	**521.3**	520.7
Diluted loss per share (US cents)		**(8)**	(20)	**(3)**	(1)
Weighted average number of shares on fully diluted basis (millions)		**521.5**	520.8	**521.3**	520.7

Condensed group statement of comprehensive income

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2012 US$ million
Loss for the period	**(42)**	(106)	**(18)**	(3)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	**(64)**	18	**(176)**	71
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	**(76)**	(70)	**(184)**	(10)
Actuarial gains on post-employment benefit funds	**20**	–	**20**	–
Movements in hedging reserves	**1**	(14)	**(4)**	(23)
Deferred tax effect of above items	**(9)**	1	**(8)**	3
Recognition of previously unrecognised deferred tax asset	**–**	101	**–**	101
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	**(106)**	(88)	**(194)**	68

Condensed group balance sheet

	Jun 2013 US$ million	Reviewed Sept 2012 US$ million
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	**3,839**	3,990
Property, plant and equipment	**3,110**	3,157
Plantations	**481**	555
Deferred taxation	**120**	154
Other non-current assets	**128**	124
Current assets	**1,746**	2,178
Inventories	**754**	726
Trade and other receivables	**756**	807
Cash and cash equivalents	**236**	645
Assets held for sale	**87**	–
Total assets	**5,672**	6,168
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Shareholders' equity		
Ordinary shareholders' interest	**1,340**	1,525
Non-current liabilities	**3,332**	3,328
Interest-bearing borrowings	**2,434**	2,358
Deferred taxation	**285**	319
Other non-current liabilities	**613**	651
Current liabilities	**995**	1,315
Interest-bearing borrowings	**98**	261
Bank overdraft	**1**	5
Other current liabilities	**883**	1,023
Taxation payable	**13**	26
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	**5**	–
Total equity and liabilities	**5,672**	6,168
Number of shares in issue at balance sheet date (millions)	**521.5**	520.8

Condensed group statement of cash flows

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2012 US$ million
Loss for the period	**(42)**	(106)	**(18)**	(3)
Adjustment for:				
Depreciation, fellings and amortisation	**100**	108	**310**	333
Taxation	**(11)**	(1)	**31**	18
Net finance costs	**42**	141	**124**	246
Defined post-employment benefits paid	**(22)**	(16)	**(54)**	(39)
Plantation fair value adjustments	**(10)**	(1)	**(151)**	(40)
Asset (impairment reversals) impairments	**(1)**	(3)	**46**	(3)
Net restructuring provisions	**2**	–	**16**	1
Other non-cash items	**3**	15	**22**	33
Cash generated from operations	**61**	137	**326**	546
Movement in working capital	**8**	(27)	**(128)**	(217)
Net finance costs paid	**(57)**	(56)	**(144)**	(157)
Taxation paid	**(2)**	(2)	**(15)**	(12)
Cash generated from operating activities	**10**	52	**39**	160
Cash utilised in investing activities	**(167)**	(108)	**(397)**	(236)
Capital expenditure	**(174)**	(112)	**(449)**	(246)
Proceeds on disposal of non-current assets	**7**	4	**50**	11
Other movements	**–**	–	**2**	(1)
Net cash utilised	**(157)**	(56)	**(358)**	(76)
Cash effects of financing activities	**(7)**	32	**(42)**	(142)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	**(164)**	(24)	**(400)**	(218)

Condensed group statement of changes in equity

	Nine months ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2012 US$ million
Balance – beginning of period	**1,525**	1,478
Total comprehensive (loss) income for the period	**(194)**	68
Transfers from the share purchase trust	**3**	2
Transfers of vested share options	**(3)**	(2)
Share-based payment reserve	**9**	11
Balance – end of period	**1,340**	1,557

Notes to the condensed group results

1. Basis of preparation

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting (IAS 34), the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa. The accounting policies applied in the preparation of these interim financial statements are consistent with those applied in the previous annual financial statements.

The preparation of this condensed consolidated interim financial information was supervised by the Chief Financial Officer, S R Binnie CA(SA).

The results are unaudited.

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 US$ million	**Nine months ended Jun 2013 US$ million**	Nine months ended Jun 2012 US$ million
2. Operating (loss) profit				
Included in operating (loss) profit are the following non-cash items:				
Depreciation and amortisation	**83**	90	**260**	276
Fair value adjustment on plantations (included in cost of sales)				
Changes in volume				
Fellings	**17**	18	**50**	57
Growth	**(21)**	(21)	**(58)**	(64)
	(4)	(3)	**(8)**	(7)
Plantation price fair value adjustment	**11**	20	**(93)**	24
	7	17	**(101)**	17
Included in other operating expenses (income) are the following:				
Asset (impairment reversals) impairments	**(1)**	(3)	**46**	(3)
Loss (profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**–**	2	**(1)**	(7)
Net restructuring provisions	**2**	–	**16**	1
Black Economic Empowerment charge	**1**	1	**3**	3

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2012 US$ million
3. Headline (loss) earnings per share				
Headline (loss) earnings per share (US cents)	**(8)**	(20)	**2**	(2)
Weighted average number of shares in issue (millions)	**521.5**	520.8	**521.3**	520.7
Diluted headline (loss) earnings per share (US cents)	**(8)**	(20)	**2**	(2)
Weighted average number of shares on fully diluted basis (millions)	**521.5**	520.8	**523.5**	520.7
Calculation of headline (loss) earnings				
Loss for the period	**(42)**	(106)	**(18)**	(3)
Asset (impairment reversals) impairments	**(1)**	(3)	**46**	(3)
Loss (profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**–**	2	**(1)**	(7)
Tax effect of above items	**1**	1	**(15)**	1
Headline (loss) earnings	**(42)**	(106)	**12**	(12)

	Jun 2013 US$ million	Reviewed Sept 2012 US$ million
4. Capital commitments		
Contracted	**121**	267
Approved but not contracted	**169**	244
	290	511
5. Contingent liabilities		
Guarantees and suretyships	**24**	31
Other contingent liabilities	**15**	10
	39	41

6. Material balance sheet movements

Since the 2012 financial year-end, the period end ZAR rate has weakened by approximately 19% to the US Dollar, the group's presentation currency, resulting in a similar decrease on translation of the group's ZAR functional currency assets and liabilities to US Dollar.

Property, plant and equipment

As a result of continuing difficult market conditions, Sappi Southern Africa ('SSA') impaired plant and equipment at its Tugela and Stanger mills to the value of US$51 million (ZAR462 million). In addition, there was a recovery in Sappi Fine Paper Europe of US$9 million (€7 million) through the sale of certain assets that had previously been impaired as well as further asset impairments of US$4 million (€3 million).

Deferred taxation assets

Deferred tax assets of US$24 million (€18 million) were reversed within the Sappi Fine Paper Europe region as they were no longer deemed recoverable.

Plantations

Due to the Ngodwana mill dissolving wood pulp conversion project and the closure of the Kraft Continuous Digester at Tugela mill, a certain portion of SSA's softwood plantations that were previously utilised in the paper pulp production will now be sold to the local saw log markets. Consequently, SSA's plantations were revalued resulting in a once-off favourable price fair value adjustment of US$96 million (ZAR863 million).

Inventories, trade and other receivables and other current liabilities

The group increased its inventory levels in anticipation of the dissolving wood pulp conversion projects. The decrease in trade and other payables is due to seasonality together with a decline in operating volumes and the decrease in trade and other receivables is primarily due to the receipt of US$42 million on the sale of the previously equity accounted 34% shareholding in Jiangxi Chenming Paper Company.

Cash and cash equivalents and interest-bearing borrowings

Cash and cash equivalents decreased largely due to the capital expenditure outflows of US$449 million which relates mostly to the dissolving wood pulp conversion projects. In addition, the remaining stub of the group's senior secured notes due 2014 of US$41 million (€31 million), the US$111 million (ZAR1.0 billion) public bond maturing in June 2013 as well as the group's private placement bonds in South Africa amounting to US$42 million (ZAR382 million) were repaid. These outflows were partially offset by the placement of a public bond offering of US$166 million (ZAR1.5 billion) and a seven-year bullet loan from GroCapital of US$44 million (ZAR400 million).

7. Assets held for sale

During the quarter, Sappi entered into an agreement to sell its shares in Usutu Forest Products Company Limited ('Usutu') as well as the shareholder loan claim against Usutu, to Montigny Investments Limited subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions precedent. The disposal group, consisting mainly of plantations, has been reclassified as held for sale.

8. Segment information

		Quarter ended Jun 2013 Metric tons (000's)	Quarter ended Jun 2012 Metric tons (000's)	**Nine months ended Jun 2013 Metric tons (000's)**	Nine months ended Jun 2012 Metric tons (000's)
Sales volume					
Sappi Fine Paper North America		**297**	351	**963**	1,031
Sappi Fine Paper Europe		**796**	843	**2,527**	2,611
Sappi Southern Africa –	Pulp and paper	**405**	435	**1,172**	1,253
	Forestry	**309**	294	**888**	830
Total		**1,807**	1,923	**5,550**	5,725

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2012 US$ million
Sales				
Sappi Fine Paper North America	**324**	360	**1,011**	1,061
Sappi Fine Paper Europe	**749**	795	**2,372**	2,524
Sappi Southern Africa – Pulp and paper	**324**	367	**953**	1,114
Forestry	**20**	22	**59**	63
Total	**1,417**	1,544	**4,395**	4,762
Operating profit (loss) excluding special items				
Sappi Fine Paper North America	**2**	18	**41**	52
Sappi Fine Paper Europe	**(16)**	10	**3**	88
Sappi Southern Africa	**19**	31	**70**	145
Unallocated and eliminations [1]	**3**	1	**7**	–
Total	**8**	60	**121**	285
Special items – loss (gain)				
Sappi Fine Paper North America	**(1)**	5	**(4)**	5
Sappi Fine Paper Europe	**3**	6	**7**	(3)
Sappi Southern Africa	**14**	15	**(30)**	22
Unallocated and eliminations [1]	**3**	–	**11**	–
Total	**19**	26	**(16)**	24
Segment operating (loss) profit				
Sappi Fine Paper North America	**3**	13	**45**	47
Sappi Fine Paper Europe	**(19)**	4	**(4)**	91
Sappi Southern Africa	**5**	16	**100**	123
Unallocated and eliminations [1]	**–**	1	**(4)**	–
Total	**(11)**	34	**137**	261
EBITDA excluding special items				
Sappi Fine Paper North America	**20**	38	**99**	110
Sappi Fine Paper Europe	**31**	60	**146**	237
Sappi Southern Africa	**37**	52	**129**	214
Unallocated and eliminations [1]	**3**	–	**7**	–
Total	**91**	150	**381**	561
Segment assets				
Sappi Fine Paper North America	**1,027**	926	**1,027**	926
Sappi Fine Paper Europe	**1,793**	1,852	**1,793**	1,852
Sappi Southern Africa	**1,607**	1,653	**1,607**	1,653
Unallocated and eliminations [1]	**(12)**	66	**(12)**	66
Total	**4,415**	4,497	**4,415**	4,497

(1) Includes the group's treasury operations and the self-insurance captive.

Reconciliation of EBITDA excluding special items and operating profit excluding special items to segment operating (loss) profit and loss for the period

Special items cover those items which management believe are material by nature or amount to the operating results and require separate disclosure.

	Quarter ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Quarter ended Jun 2012 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2013 US$ million	Nine months ended Jun 2012 US$ million
EBITDA excluding special items	**91**	150	**381**	561
Depreciation and amortisation	**(83)**	(90)	**(260)**	(276)
Operating profit excluding special items	**8**	60	**121**	285
Special items – (losses) gains	**(19)**	(26)	**16**	(24)
Plantation price fair value adjustment	**(11)**	(20)	**93**	(24)
Net restructuring provisions	**(2)**	–	**(16)**	(1)
(Loss) profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**–**	(2)	**1**	7
Asset impairment reversals (impairments)	**1**	3	**(46)**	3
Black Economic Empowerment charge	**(1)**	(1)	**(3)**	(3)
Fire, flood, storm and related events	**(6)**	(6)	**(13)**	(6)
Segment operating (loss) profit	**(11)**	34	**137**	261
Net finance costs	**(42)**	(141)	**(124)**	(246)
(Loss) profit before taxation	**(53)**	(107)	**13**	15
Taxation	**11**	1	**(31)**	(18)
Loss for the period	**(42)**	(106)	**(18)**	(3)
Reconciliation of segment assets to total assets				
Segment assets	**4,415**	4,497	**4,415**	4,497
Deferred taxation	**120**	144	**120**	144
Cash and cash equivalents	**236**	403	**236**	403
Other current liabilities	**883**	950	**883**	950
Taxation payable	**13**	19	**13**	19
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	**5**	–	**5**	–
Total assets	**5,672**	6,013	**5,672**	6,013

Supplemental information *(this information has not been audited or reviewed)*

General definitions

Average – averages are calculated as the sum of the opening and closing balances for the relevant period divided by two

Black Economic Empowerment – as envisaged in the Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) legislation in South Africa

Black Economic Empowerment charge – represents the IFRS 2 non-cash charge associated with the BEE transaction implemented in fiscal 2010

Fellings – the amount charged against the income statement representing the standing value of the plantations harvested

NBSK – Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft pulp. One of the main varieties of market pulp, produced from coniferous trees (ie spruce, pine) in Scandinavia, Canada and northern USA. The price of NBSK is a benchmark widely used in the pulp and paper industry for comparative purposes

SG&A – selling, general and administrative expenses

Non-GAAP measures

The group believes that it is useful to report certain non-GAAP measures for the following reasons:

– these measures are used by the group for internal performance analysis;

– the presentation by the group's reported business segments of these measures facilitates comparability with other companies in our industry, although the group's measures may not be comparable with similarly titled profit measurements reported by other companies;

– it is useful in connection with discussion with the investment analyst community and debt rating agencies

These non-GAAP measures should not be considered in isolation or construed as a substitute for GAAP measures in accordance with IFRS

Capital employed – shareholders' equity plus net debt

EBITDA excluding special items – earnings before interest (net finance costs), taxation, depreciation, amortisation and special items

Headline earnings – as defined in circular 3/2012 issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, separates from earnings all separately identifiable re-measurements. It is not necessarily a measure of sustainable earnings. It is a Listings Requirement of the JSE Limited to disclose headline earnings per share

Net assets – total assets less total liabilities

Net asset value per share – net assets divided by the number of shares in issue at balance sheet date

Net debt – current and non-current interest-bearing borrowings, and bank overdraft (net of cash, cash equivalents and short-term deposits)

Net debt to total capitalisation – net debt divided by capital employed

Net operating assets – total assets (excluding deferred taxation and cash) less current liabilities (excluding interest-bearing borrowings and overdraft). Net operating assets equate to **segment assets**

ROCE – annualised return on average capital employed. Operating profit excluding special items divided by average capital employed

ROE – annualised return on average equity. Profit for the period divided by average shareholders' equity

RONOA – return on average net operating assets. Operating profit excluding special items divided by average segment assets

Special items – special items cover those items which management believe are material by nature or amount to the operating results and require separate disclosure. Such items would generally include profit or loss on disposal of property, investments and businesses, asset impairments, restructuring charges, non-recurring integration costs related to acquisitions, financial impacts of natural disasters, non-cash gains or losses on the price fair value adjustment of plantations and alternative fuel tax credits receivable in cash

The above financial measures are presented to assist our shareholders and the investment community in interpreting our financial results. These financial measures are regularly used and compared between companies in our industry.

Supplemental information *(this information has not been audited or reviewed)*

Summary rand convenience translation

	Quarter ended Jun 2013	Quarter ended Jun 2012	Nine months ended Jun 2013	Nine months ended Jun 2012
Key figures: (ZAR million)				
Sales	**13,427**	12,542	**39,715**	38,041
Operating (loss) profit	**(104)**	276	**1,238**	2,085
Special items – losses (gains) (1)	**180**	211	**(145)**	192
Operating profit excluding special items (1)	**76**	487	**1,093**	2,277
EBITDA excluding special items (1)	**862**	1,218	**3,443**	4,482
Loss for the period	**(398)**	(861)	**(163)**	(24)
Basic loss per share (SA cents)	**(76)**	(162)	**(31)**	(8)
Net debt (1)	**22,694**	18,069	**22,694**	18,069
Key ratios: (%)				
Operating (loss) profit to sales	**(0.8)**	2.2	**3.1**	5.5
Operating profit excluding special items to sales	**0.6**	3.9	**2.8**	6.0
Operating profit excluding special items to capital employed (ROCE) (1)	**0.9**	6.5	**4.5**	10.2
EBITDA excluding special items to sales	**6.4**	9.7	**8.7**	11.8
Return on average equity (ROE)	**(12.0)**	(27.2)	**(1.7)**	(0.3)
Net debt to total capitalisation (1)	**63.2**	58.7	**63.2**	58.7

(1) Refer to page 16, supplemental information for the definition of the term.

The above financial results have been translated into Rands from US Dollars as follows:

– assets and liabilities at rates of exchange ruling at period end; and

– income, expenditure and cash flow items at average exchange rates.

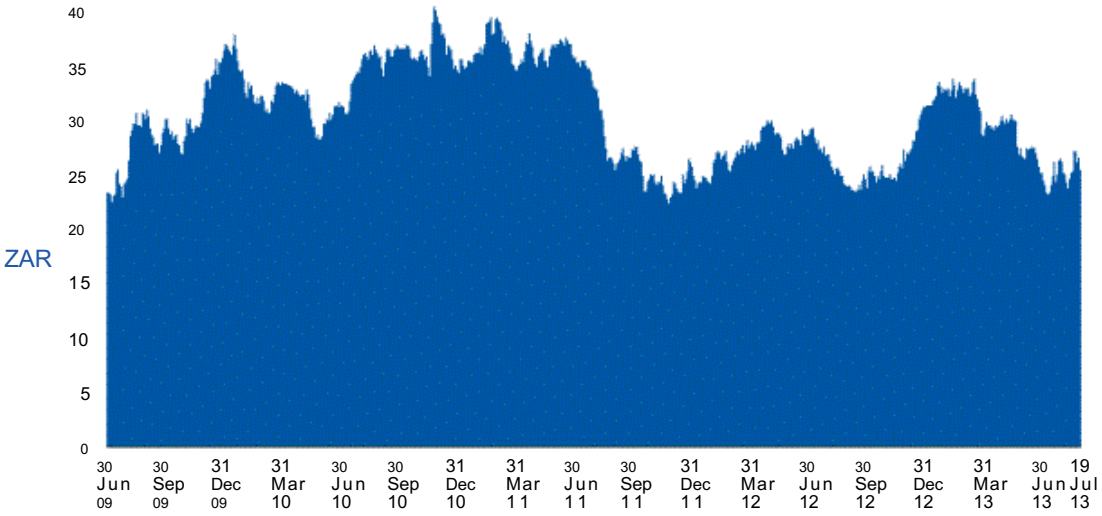
Reconciliation of net debt to interest-bearing borrowings

	Jun 2013 US$ million	Sept 2012 US$ million
Interest-bearing borrowings	**2,533**	2,624
Non-current interest-bearing borrowings	**2,434**	2,358
Current interest-bearing borrowings	**98**	261
Bank overdraft	**1**	5
Cash and cash equivalents	**(236)**	(645)
Net debt	**2,297**	1,979

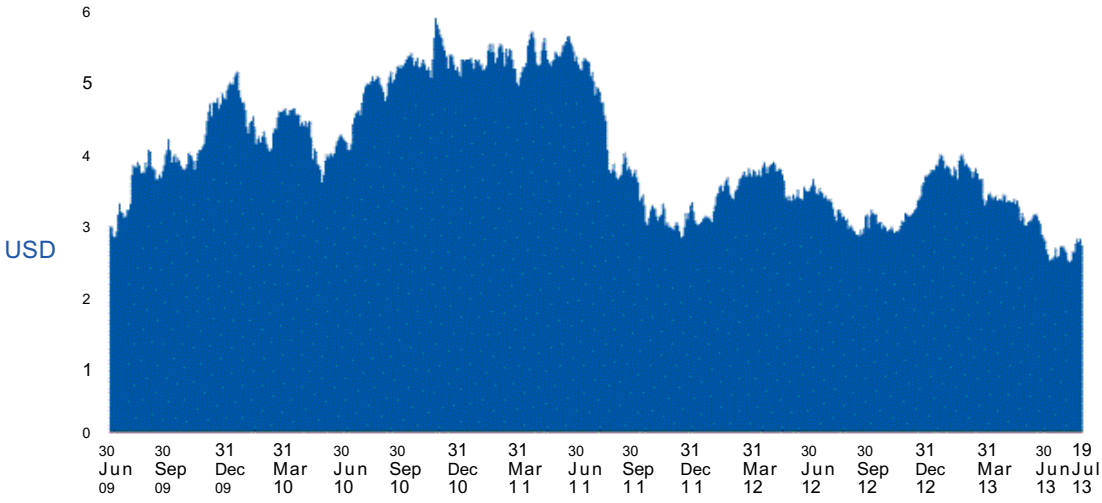
Exchange rates

	Jun 2013	Mar 2013	Dec 2012	Sept 2012	Jun 2012
Exchange rates:					
Period end rate: US$1 = ZAR	**9.8800**	9.2363	8.4851	8.3096	8.1650
Average rate for the Quarter: US$1 = ZAR	**9.4756**	8.9349	8.6975	8.2567	8.1229
Average rate for the YTD: US$1 = ZAR	**9.0364**	8.8173	8.6975	8.0531	7.9885
Period end rate: €1 = US$	**1.3010**	1.2821	1.3217	1.2859	1.2660
Average rate for the Quarter: €1 = US$	**1.3060**	1.3206	1.2970	1.2514	1.2838
Average rate for the YTD: €1 = US$	**1.3078**	1.3088	1.2970	1.2988	1.3145

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

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By: /s/ S.R. Binnie

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