



# **Group Environmental Policy**

As a leading global provider of pulp, paper and biotech solutions manufactured from renewable woodfibre-based resources, we aim to build a thriving world by unlocking the power of these renewable resources to benefit people, communities and the planet.

Our sustainability strategy – to create long-term value for all stakeholders from relevant, sustainable woodfibre products and through continuous improvement in critical areas – underpins this aim.

We base our commitment to sustainability on being a trusted, transparent, and innovative partner in building a biobased circular economy, guided by our values: As OneSappi, we do business safely with integrity and courage, making smart decisions that we execute with speed.

We work to balance Prosperity, People and Planet, thereby realising our vision of a more renewable, responsible world – one in which we thrive:

While making products that support society's needs, we strive to achieve the highest practical environmental performance standards. Understanding that we have an ecological footprint, we work to minimise our impact on the earth as a responsible business.

Given our goal to tread more lightly on the *Planet*, we will:

#### Act as a custodian of land and forests by:

- Implementing sustainable forest management practices aligned with international forest management certification standards in our own and directly managed landholdings.
- Utilising internationally accredited, independently verified forest certification systems to source sustainable woodfibre and establish traceability through our supply chains.
- Working on expanding the uptake of internationally accredited forest certification systems beyond our operations.
- Enhancing biodiversity through innovative programmes across our sphere of influence.

## Leave the planet better than we found by:

- Implementing focused decarbonisation roadmaps to realise our approved science-based emissions reduction targets by 2030, including our commitment that 44% of our suppliers (by spend) should have science-based decarbonisation targets by 2026.
- Leveraging technology and innovation to promote circular bioeconomy principles, including optimising the utilisation of each tree harvested.
- Using less process water per ton of product produced while improving effluent quality.
- Reducing solid waste to landfill per ton of product produced.
- Launching products with defined sustainability benefits.

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### **Drive continuous improvement by:**

- Establishing quantitative targets and transparently reporting our performance against these regularly.
- Requesting suppliers of goods and services to apply standards similar to ours and regularly evaluate their sustainability performance.
- Implementing internationally recognised environmental management systems which comply with standards such as ISO 14001 or regional equivalents in all operational units.
- Conducting regular environmental audits and management reviews in all our operational units, including ecological performance, to measure managerial performance and compensation where appropriate.

## Be a trusted partner by:

- Conforming with responsible environmental practice and legislation relevant to each operational unit.
- Participating in regulations development, where applicable, based on analyses of environmental impacts and cost-effective technologies.
- Providing appropriate training to all employees, contractors and other stakeholders whose activities impact the environment.
- Proactively engaging and collaborating with value chain partners to develop best practice guidelines and standards, transform systems and enhance landscapes.

Throughout our business, we collaborate to realise the ambitions of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We report transparently and regularly on performance against ambitious global and regional targets aligned with our priority SDGs.

This policy supports our Group Sustainability Charter and aligns with our holistic view of sustainability as integral to a thriving world, embedded in *Prosperity*, *People* and the *Planet*.

Steve Binnie Chief Executive Officer Sappi Limited

### **Priority SDGs\* for:**

Sappi Southern Africa

Sappi group (Global)



















<sup>\*</sup> United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.