

Environmental Policy

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

Our approach to sustainability is based on a holistic view of *Prosperity, People and Planet (3Ps)*.

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: *As OneSappi, we do business safely, with integrity and courage, making smart decisions that we execute with speed.*

While making products that support society's needs, we strive to achieve the highest effective standards of environmental performance. As a responsible manufacturer, we balance our needs with our impact on the earth. Our goal is to tread more lightly on the *Planet*.

We will:

Performance improvement and monitoring

- Establish quantitative targets.
- Request suppliers of goods and services to apply standards similar to our own and work towards establishing a supplier assessment framework.
- Implement internationally recognised environmental management systems which comply with standards such as **ISO 14001** and/or regional equivalents in all operational units.
- Conduct regular environmental audits and management reviews.
- Participate in developing regulations where applicable, based on analyses of environmental impacts and cost effective technologies.

Training and communication

- Include environmental performance when measuring managerial performance.
- Provide appropriate training to all employees, contractors and other stakeholders whose activities have an impact on the environment.
- Report publicly on our performance.

Meeting the *Planet* commitments embodied in our Group Sustainability Charter

We acknowledge that we do have an environmental footprint, but are committed to managing and mitigating the environmental, climate and biodiversity impacts of our operations.

As part of this policy we strive proactively to meet the *Planet* commitments embodied in our **Group Sustainability Charter** which are to:

- Reduce the energy intensity of our business as well as the associated greenhouse gas emissions across the full supply chain
- Use less water per ton of product produced while improving effluent quality
- Reduce solid waste per ton of product produced
- Promote sustainable forest management through internationally accredited, independent environmental and wood management and fibre certification systems
- Promote the recovery and use of recycled fibre, and
- Conform with responsible environmental practice and legislation.

Going forward, we will continue to develop our manufacturing, human, social and natural resources in a way that ensures our sustainability approach enhances our long-term viability and overall *Prosperity*.

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