

SAPPI LTD  
Form 6-K  
December 19, 2007

FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2007

Commission file number: 1-14872

SAPPI LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

48 Ameshoff Street  
Braamfontein  
Johannesburg 2001

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Form 20-F

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Yes

No

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## INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Sappi Limited's SENS Announcement, dated December 18, 2007, announcing the dividend exchange rate of shares of the Registrant, furnished by the Registrant under this Form 6-K is incorporated by reference into (i) the Registration Statements on Form S-8 of the Registrant filed December 23, 1999 and December 15, 2004 in connection with The Sappi Limited Share Incentive Scheme, (ii) the Section 10(a) Prospectus relating to the offer and sale of the Registrant's shares to Participants under The Sappi Limited Share Incentive Scheme, (iii) the Registration Statements on Form S-8 of the Registrant filed December 15, 2004 and December 21, 2005 in connection with The Sappi Limited 2004 Performance Share Incentive Plan and (iv) the Section 10(a) Prospectus relating to the offer and sale of the Registrant's shares to Participants under The Sappi Limited 2004 Performance Share Incentive Plan.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In order to utilize the "Safe Harbor" provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"), Sappi Limited (the "Company") is providing the following cautionary statement. Except for historical information contained herein, statements contained in this Report on Form 6-K may constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Reform Act. The words "believe", "anticipate", "expect", "intend", "estimate", "plan", "assume", "positioned", "will", "may", "should", "risk" and other similar expressions which are predictions of or indicate future events and future trends which do not relate to historical matters identify forward-looking statements. In addition, this Report on Form 6-K may include forward-looking statements relating to the Company's potential exposure to various types of market risks, such as interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk and commodity price risk. Reliance should not be placed on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which are in some cases beyond the control of the Company, together with its subsidiaries (the "Group"), and may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Group to differ materially from anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements (and from past results, performance or achievements). Certain factors that may cause such differences include but are not limited to: the highly cyclical nature of the pulp and paper industry; pulp and paper production, production capacity, input costs including raw material, energy and employee costs, and pricing levels in North America, Europe, Asia and southern Africa; any major disruption in production at the Group's key facilities; changes in environmental, tax and other laws and regulations; adverse changes in the markets for the Group's products; any delays, unexpected costs or other problems experienced with any business acquired or to be acquired; consequences of the Group's leverage; adverse changes in the South African political situation and economy or the effect of governmental efforts to address present or future economic or social problems; and the impact of future investments, acquisitions and dispositions (including the financing of investments and acquisitions) and any delays, unexpected costs or other problems experienced in connection with dispositions. These and other risks, uncertainties and factors are discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F and other filings with and submissions to the Securities and Exchange Commission, including this Report on Form 6-K. Shareholders and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of the submission of this Report on Form 6-K and are not intended to give any assurance as to future results. The Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any of these forward-looking statements, whether to reflect new information or future events or circumstances or otherwise.

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(Registration number 1936/008963/06)  
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)  
Share code: SAP ISIN: ZAE000006284)  
("Sappi" or the "Company")

**Dividend exchange rate**

With reference to the dividend announcement of 8 November 2007, we set out below the exchange rates to be applied for payment of the dividend :

US\$1 - R 6.9457 (ie dividend of R 2.2226 per share)

US\$1 - £0.4947 (ie dividend of £0.1583 per share).

The relevant dates pertaining to the dividend are as follows :

Last day to trade to qualify for dividend - Thursday, 27 December 2007.

Record date - Friday, 4 January 2008.

Payment date - Tuesday, 8 January 2008.

There will not be any de-materialisation nor re-materialisation of Sappi share certificates from Friday, 28 December 2007 to Thursday, 3 January 2008, both days inclusive.

Date on which shares commence trading ex-dividend - Friday, 28 December 2007.

Deadline for South African nominee companies to submit details of the number of shares held on behalf of South African resident and non-resident beneficial shareholders so that dividend payments in South African Rands and United States Dollars respectively may be calculated - 12h00 (South African time), Thursday 3 January 2008. Dividends payable from the Johannesburg transfer office will be paid in South African Rands except that dividends paid to nominee shareholders in respect of shares which they hold on behalf of non-residents of the Republic of South Africa will be paid in United States Dollars. (Note that there is no currency election).

Dividends payable from the London transfer office will be paid in British pounds sterling or in the case of shareholders with registered addresses in the USA, in United States Dollars.

Johannesburg  
18 December 2007  
Sappi Management Services (Pty) Limited  
Secretaries : per D J O'Connor  
48 Ameshoff Street  
Braamfontein, Johannesburg, 2001

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SIGNATURES

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.

Date: December 19, 2007

SAPPI LIMITED,  
by /s/ Laurence Newman  
Name: Laurence Newman  
Title: Group Financial Controller