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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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

under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2007

Commission file number: 1-14872

SAPPI LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Sappi Limited's report for the conformed first quarter results ended December 2006, furnished by the Registrant under this Form 6-K is incorporated by reference into (i) the Registration statement 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 Statement on Form S-8 of the Registrant filed December 21, 2005 and December 15, 2004 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. This Form 6-K includes a conformed version of the earnings announcement sent by the Registrant to its shareholders. This conformed version was prepared solely for purposes of supplementing the Registrant to its shareholders. This conformed version was prepared solely for purposes of supplementing the documents referred to in clauses (i) - (iv) above.

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sappi

quarter results ended

December 2006

Form S-8 version

1st

** for the quarter ended December 2006*

*** as at 31 December 2006*

† Rest of World

Sales by product group *

Sales: where the product is manufactured *

Sales: where the product is sold *

Geographic ownership **

Coated fine paper

65%

Uncoated fine paper

4%

Coated specialities

8%

Packaging and newsprint

7%

Pulp

14%

Other

2%

North America

30%

Europe

43%

Southern Africa

14%

Asia and other

13%

South African

60%

North America

30%

Europe and ROW †

10%

North America

30%

Europe

46%

Southern Africa

24%

Sappi is the world's leading
producer of coated fine paper

EPS 13 US cents

Demand for coated fine paper firm

Coated paper prices do not reflect high operating rates

Prices boost Forest Products performance

Input cost pressure abates, except in Europe
financial highlights

Quarter
ended

Dec

Sept

Dec

2006

2006

2005

Sales (US\$ million)

1,267

1,296 1,175

Operating profit (US\$ million)

92

51

49

Operating profit to sales (%)

7.3

3.9

4.2

EBITDA ** (US\$ million) *

187

151

146

EPS (US cents)

13

18

—

** Refer to note 1 of the Supplemental Information for the reconciliation of these numbers.*

*** The EBITDA calculation has been amended. Refer to note 2 additional information in Supplemental Information for the effects of the change.*

summary

The group operating result improved in the quarter compared to the prior quarter and the equivalent quarter last year. The Forest Products business, supported by strong pulp prices and a slightly weaker currency, generated most of the operating profit. The Fine Paper business, while profitable, has not yet achieved acceptable margins and returns.

Demand for coated fine paper globally was firm in the quarter; however, apparent consumption growth in Europe and North America was lower than in recent periods.

Raw material input costs remain high. There has been some moderation in North America and Southern Africa but upward pressure continues in Europe.

Coated fine paper prices in Europe have drifted downwards for the last 5 years and despite concerted reductions in our operating costs, the combination of higher prices for our inputs and lower selling prices has depressed margins. To counteract this we implemented a price increase on stock orders in Europe in December and continue to implement increases on all other graphic paper business in January.

Group sales were approximately US\$1.3 billion for the quarter, an increase of 7.8% compared to a year ago as a result of a 3% increase in sales of pulp and paper, improved pricing and currency movement which resulted in an increase in the European business' sales when reported in US Dollars.

The operating profit for the quarter increased to US\$92 million, largely as a result of the contribution of the Forest Products business. The plantation fair value price adjustment for the quarter was a pre-tax gain of US\$29 million compared to US\$10 million a year ago.

Finance costs for the quarter were US\$37 million, which was at the same level as the prior quarter but up US\$10 million year on year as a result of higher interest paid (higher debt and floating rates) and the change in fair value of financial instruments.

The high effective tax rate is a result of unrelieved tax losses in certain countries; in addition taxation for the quarter included Secondary Tax on Companies of US\$8.5 million which relates to the dividend declared during the quarter.

The profit after tax for the quarter was US\$30 million compared to a break-even in the equivalent quarter last year. Earnings per share were 13 US cents for the quarter.

comment

cash flow

Cash generated by operations was US\$152 million for the quarter, approximately 25% up on a year ago. We recorded a US\$39 million increase in working capital which was significantly less than the US\$80 million increase last year.

Capital expenditure increased to US\$138 million for the quarter. We had a number of upfront payments in respect of the Saiccor expansion in the quarter. We aim to manage capital expenditure over the full year to avoid a material increase in debt over the year.

operating review for the quarter

Sappi Fine Paper

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

%

Sept 2006

US\$ million

US\$ million

change

US\$ million

Sales

1,044

943

10.7

1,029

Operating profit (loss)

16

15

6.7

(40)

Operating profit (loss) to sales (%)

1.5

1.6

—

(3.9)

Each of the Fine Paper businesses generated operating profits during the quarter; however, the returns are still far from acceptable. Our focus is on reducing unit costs and achieving appropriate price increases.

Europe

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

%

%

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

change

change

Sept 2006

US\$ million

US\$ million

(US\$)

(Euro)

US\$ million

Sales

587

520

12.9

4.1

569

Operating profit

13

14

(7.1)

(14.4)

(48)

Operating profit to sales (%)

2.2

2.7

—

—

(8.4)

Our sales volume for the quarter grew approximately 6% year on year. The average price achieved in Euro terms was only marginally up on the prior quarter despite the December stock price increase as a result of product and geographic mix. The Euro strengthened 8.5% relative to the equivalent period last year.

The upward pressure on many of our input costs has continued in the quarter. In particular pulpwood costs have continued to rise sharply as a result of demand for wood for use as subsidised “green” fuel.

Higher prices for purchased pulp had an impact of US\$7 million on operating profit for the quarter compared to the equivalent quarter last year. (This is a regional impact as the group as a whole is a net seller of pulp.)

North America

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

%

Sept 2006

US\$ million

US\$ million

change

US\$ million

Sales

374

345

8.4

373

Operating profit

2

1

100

7

Operating profit to sales (%)

0.5

0.3

—

1.9

The volume of paper sold increased by approximately 5% for the quarter. In addition we achieved strong growth in pulp sales compared to a year ago, resulting in an overall increase of 8%.

Market conditions remain very competitive with continued pressure on prices. Average prices achieved were marginally up compared to a year earlier.

Although input costs remain high, we have achieved reductions in wood, energy and certain other input costs.

operating review for the quarter (continued)

Fine Paper South Africa

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

%

%

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

change

change

Sept 2006

US\$ million

US\$ million

(US\$)

(Rand)

US\$ million

Sales

83

78

6.4

20.4

87

Operating profit

1

—

—

—

1

Operating profit to sales (%)

1.2

—

—

—

1.1

The business had strong demand for its products and sales volumes for the quarter increased 10% year on year. Average prices achieved in Rand terms have increased over the last year partly due to the weaker Rand.

Margins remain under pressure as a result of high input costs, particularly purchased pulp.

Forest Products

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

%

%

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

change

change

Sept 2006

US\$ million

US\$ million

(US\$)

(Rand)

US\$ million

Sales

223

232

(3.9)

8.8

267

Operating profit

78

37

110.8

138.7

85

Operating profit to sales (%)

35.0

15.9

—

—

31.8

Plantation fair value gain (loss)

29

10

—

—

(10)

The forest products business had a strong performance despite the lower sales volume compared to the equivalent quarter last year. Part of the shortfall in volume is the result of timing of export shipments relative to the period end and lower sales by the Kraft business. We expect to catch up some volume in the next quarter. The strong pulp prices and weaker currency contributed to the operating profit. Operating profit also included US\$29 million of plantation fair value price adjustment compared to US\$10 million a year ago. The manufacturing performance of the Kraft business has improved and has considerable scope for further gains. Usutu Mill continued to perform well during the quarter.

Demand for chemical cellulose remains strong and Saiccor continues to perform well. Good progress has been made on the expansion at Saiccor Mill; however, there has been pressure on civil construction costs because of high demand in the South African construction industry.

directors

Klaas de Kluis retired as a non-executive director of the group in December 2006 on reaching the mandatory retirement age.

outlook

The industry continues to record high global operating rates for coated fine paper. The combination of strong expected consumption growth, capacity closures and limited new capacity additions indicate that operating rates should remain high.

We have implemented price increases in Europe which are essential to restore margins after 5 years of declining coated fine paper prices and 2 years of input cost escalations.

Pulp prices continue to be strong.

We expect earnings in the next quarter to improve compared to this quarter (excluding unpredictable fair value adjustments).

This report is unaudited.

On behalf of the Board

E van As

M R Thompson

Director

Director

1 February 2007

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operating review for the quarter (continued)

forward-looking statements

Certain statements in this release that are neither reported financial results nor other historical information, are forward-looking statements, including but not limited to statements that are predictions of or indicate future earnings, savings, synergies, events, trends, plans or objectives. Undue reliance should not be placed on such statements because, by their nature, they are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties and can be affected by other factors, that could cause actual results and company plans and objectives to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements (or from past results). Such risks, uncertainties and factors include, but are not limited to the highly cyclical nature of the pulp and paper industry (and the factors that contribute to such cyclicity, such as levels of demand, production capacity, production, input costs including raw material, energy and employee costs, and pricing), adverse changes in the markets for the group's products, consequences of substantial leverage, changing regulatory requirements, unanticipated production disruptions, economic and political conditions in international markets, the impact of investments, acquisitions and dispositions (including related financing), any delays, unexpected costs or other problems experienced with integrating acquisitions and achieving expected savings and synergies and currency fluctuations. 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.

notes

conformed financial results (unaudited)
for the quarter ended December 2006
Form S-8 Version

group income statement	
Quarter	
Quarter	
ended	
ended	
Dec 2006	
Dec 2005	
US\$ million	
US\$ million	
% change	
Sales	
1,267	
1,175	
7.8	
Cost of sales	
1,091	
1,042	
Gross profit	
176	
133	
32.3	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	
88	
83	
88	
50	
Other operating (income) expenses	
(4)	
1	
Operating profit	
92	
49	
87.8	
Net finance costs	
37	
27	
Net paid	
36	
32	
Capitalised	
(1)	
(1)	
Net foreign exchange gains	
(2)	
(1)	
Change in fair value of financial instruments	
4	
(3)	
Profit before tax	
55	
22	

150.0

Taxation – current

6

8

– deferred

19

14

Profit for the period

30

–

–

Basic earnings per share (US cents)

13

–

Weighted average number of shares in issue (millions)

227.0

225.9

Diluted earnings per share (US cents)

13

–

Weighted average number of shares on a fully diluted
basis (millions)

229.9

226.7

group balance sheet
 Dec 2006
 Sept 2006
 US\$ million
 US\$ million
ASSETS
 Non-current assets
 4,323
 3,997
 Property, plant and equipment
 3,319
 3,129
 Plantations
 607
 520
 Deferred taxation
 79
 74
 Other non-current assets
 318
 274
 Current assets
 1,556
 1,500
 Inventories
 764
 699
 Trade and other receivables
 560
 577
 Cash and cash equivalents
 232
 224
 Assets held for sale
 21
 20
 Total assets
 5,900
 5,517
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES
 Shareholders' equity
 Ordinary shareholders' interest
 1,467
 1,386
 Non-current liabilities
 2,528
 2,465
 Interest-bearing borrowings
 1,625
 1,634
 Deferred taxation

387	
336	
Other non-current liabilities	
516	
495	
Current liabilities	
1,905	
1,666	
Interest-bearing borrowings	
818	
694	
Bank overdraft	
67	
9	
Other current liabilities	
841	
862	
Taxation payable	
111	
101	
Shareholders for dividend	
68	
—	
Total equity and liabilities	
5,900	
5,517	
Number of shares in issue at balance sheet date (millions)	
227.7	
227.0	

group cash flow statement
group statement of recognised income and
expense
Quarter
Quarter
ended
ended
Dec 2006
Dec 2005
US\$ million
US\$ million
Operating profit
92
49
Depreciation, fellings and other amortisation
112
114
Other non-cash items (including impairment charges)
(52)
(41)
Cash generated by operations
152
122
Movement in working capital
(39)
(80)
Net finance costs
(46)
(45)
Taxation paid
(4)
(7)
Cash retained (utilised) from operating activities
63
(10)
Cash effects of investing activities
(155)
(74)
Cash utilised before financing activities
(92)
(84)
Cash effects of financing activities
94
94
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents
2
10
Quarter
Quarter
ended
ended

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

US\$ million

US\$ million

Pension fund asset not recognised

(2)

(1)

Valuation allowance against deferred tax asset on actuarial losses recognised

(1)

—

Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations

113

(11)

Net expense recorded directly in equity

110

(12)

Profit for the period

30

—

Recognised income (expense) for the period

140

(12)

notes to the group results

1.

Basis of preparation

The condensed quarterly financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) including International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34 Interim Financial Reporting.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the quarterly results are compliant with IFRS and consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for September 2006. A recent accounting interpretation IFRIC 4: Determining whether an arrangement contains a lease, is still being evaluated. No changes to previous disclosures on application of this interpretation have been made. At this stage it is not envisaged that the impact of any adjustment required will be material to the results of operations.

These results are unaudited.

2.

Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' equity

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

US\$ million

US\$ million

Balance – beginning of year

1,386

1,589

Total recognised income (expense) for the period

140

(12)

Dividends declared

(68)

(68)

Transfers to participants of the share purchase trust

7

1

Share Based Payment Reserve

2

2

Balance – end of period

1,467

1,512

3.

Operating profit

Included in operating profit are the following non-cash items:

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment

95

97

95

97

Fair value adjustment on plantations (included in cost of sales)

Changes in volume

Fellings

17

17

Growth

(17)

(14)

—

3

Changes in fair value

(29)

(10)

(29)

(7)

notes to the group results (continued)

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

US\$ million

US\$ million

4.

Capital expenditure

Property, plant and equipment

138

72

Dec 2006

Sept 2006

US\$ million

US\$ million

5.

Capital commitments

Contracted but not provided

201

294

Approved but not contracted

340

255

541

549

6.

Contingent liabilities

Guarantees and suretyships

61

52

Other contingent liabilities

11

11

supplemental information

additional information

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

US\$ million

US\$ million

1. Profit for the period to EBITDA

(1)

reconciliation

Profit for the period

30

-

Net finance costs

37

27

Taxation – current

6

8

– deferred

19

14

Depreciation

95

97

EBITDA

(1) (2)

187

146

(1)

In connection with the U.S. Securities Exchange Commission (“SEC”) rules relating to “Conditions for Use of Non-GAAP Financial

Measures”, we have reconciled EBITDA to net profit rather than operating profit. As a result our definition retains non-trading profit/loss

and minority interest as part of EBITDA. EBITDA represents earnings before interest (net finance costs), taxation, depreciation and

amortisation. Net finance costs includes: gross interest paid; interest received; interest capitalised; net foreign exchange gains; and net

fair value adjustments on interest rate financial instruments. See the Group income statement for an explanation of the computation of

net finance costs. We use EBITDA as an internal measure of performance to benchmark and compare performance, both between

our own operations and as against other companies. EBITDA is a measure used by the group, together with measures of performance

under IFRS and US GAAP, to compare the relative performance of operations in planning, budgeting and reviewing the performances

of various businesses. We believe EBITDA is a useful and commonly used measure of financial performance in addition to net profit,

operating profit and other profitability measures under IFRS or US GAAP because it facilitates operating performance comparisons from period to period and company to company. By eliminating potential differences in results of operations between periods or companies caused by factors such as depreciation and amortization methods, historic cost and age of assets, financing and capital structures and taxation positions or regimes, we believe EBITDA can provide a useful additional basis for comparing the current performance of the underlying operations being evaluated. For these reasons, we believe EBITDA and similar measures are regularly used by the investment community as a means of comparison of companies in our industry. Different companies and analysts may calculate EBITDA differently, so making comparisons among companies on this basis should be done very carefully. EBITDA is not a measure of performance under IFRS or US GAAP and should not be considered in isolation or construed as a substitute for operating profit or net profit as an indicator of the company's operations in accordance with IFRS or US GAAP.

(2)

The EBITDA calculation has been amended to eliminate the adjustment for fellings which previously resulted in fellings being added back in the calculation as part of amortisation. Given the current accounting treatment of plantations, management has concluded that eliminating such an adjustment would be more appropriate in determining the EBITDA performance measure in future both for internal and reporting purposes. Prior year figures have been recalculated for comparison purposes as follows:

December 2005 quarter: decrease by US\$17 million; September 2006 quarter: decrease by US\$19 million.

2.

Calculation of Headline earnings *

Profit for the period

30

-

Write-off of assets

-

1

Impairment of property, plant and equipment

-

1

Headline earnings

30

2

Headline earnings per share

Headline earnings per share (US cents) *

13

1

Weighted average number of shares in issue (millions)

227.0

225.9

Diluted headline earnings per share (US cents) *

13

1

Weighted average number of shares on fully diluted basis (millions)

229.9

226.7

*

Headline earnings disclosure is a listings requirement by the JSE Limited.

supplemental information

3. *Exchange rates*

Dec

Sept

June

March

Dec

2006

2006

2006

2006

2005

Exchange rates:

Period end rate: US\$ 1 = ZAR

7.0076

7.7738

7.1700

6.1655

6.3275

Average rate for the Quarter: US\$ 1 = ZAR

7.3358

7.2475

6.4658

6.1858

6.4795

Average rate for the YTD: US\$ 1 = ZAR

7.3358

6.6039

6.4031

6.3334

6.4795

Period end rate: EUR 1 = US\$

1.3199

1.2672

1.2789

1.2119

1.1843

Average rate for the Quarter: EUR 1 = US\$

1.2926

1.2744

1.2570

1.1983

1.1915

Average rate for the YTD: EUR 1 = US\$

1.2926

1.2315

1.2191

1.1964

1.1915

The financial results of entities with reporting currencies other than the US Dollar are translated into 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.*

supplemental information

regional information

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

Metric tons

Metric tons

(000's)

(000's)

% change

Sales volumes

Fine Paper –

North America

372

344

8.1

Europe

635

602

5.5

Southern Africa

87

79

10.1

Total

1,094

1,025

6.7

Forest Products – Pulp and paper operations

331

355

(6.8)

Forestry operations

271

376

(27.9)

Total

1,696

1,756

(3.4)

Quarter

Quarter

ended

ended

Dec 2006

Dec 2005

US\$ million

US\$ million

% change

Sales

Fine Paper –

North America

374

345

8.4

Europe

587

520

12.9

Southern Africa

83

78

6.4

Total

1,044

943

10.7

Forest Products – Pulp and paper operations

207

212

(2.4)

Forestry operations

16

20

(20.0)

Total

1,267

1,175

7.8

Operating profit

Fine Paper –

North America

2

1

100.0

Europe

13

14

(7.1)

Southern Africa

1

-

-

Total

16

15

6.7

Forest Products

78

37
110.8
Corporate
(2)
(3)
-
Total
92
49
87.8

sappi ordinary shares

ADR price (NYSE TICKER: SPP)

note: (1 ADR = 1 sappi share)

US\$

18

16

14

12

10

8

6

4

2

0

ZAR

140

120

100

80

60

40

20

0

1 Apr

2004

1 Jul

2004

1 Oct

2004

1 Jan

2005

1 Apr

2005

1 Jul

2005

1 Oct

2005

1 Jan

2006

1 Apr

2006

1 Jul

2006

1 Oct

2006

1 Jan

2007

29 Jan

2007

1 Apr

2004

1 Jul
2004
1 Oct
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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.

Date:

February 6, 2007

SAPPI LIMITED,

by

: /s/ M. R. Thompson

Title:

Chief Financial Officer

Name: M. R. Thompson