

SAPPI LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August 2011

Commission file number: 1-14872

SAPPI LIMITED
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes ☐ No ☒

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INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Sappi Limited's announcement, 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, December 15, 2004 and February 2, 2010 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 impact of the global economic downturn, 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, including as a result of adverse changes in credit markets that affect our ability to raise capital when needed, changing regulatory requirements, unanticipated production disruptions (including as a result of planned or unexpected power outages), 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. 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.

Sappi Limited

Announcement

11 August 2011

Sappi Limited
 Reg No 1936/008963/06
 (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
 JSE Code SAP
 ISIN code ZAE 000006284
 NYSE code SPP
 ("Sappi" or "the Company")

1. VESTING OF CONDITIONAL SHARE AWARDS GRANTED TO DIRECTORS OF LISTED COMPANY

In terms of paragraph 3.63 of the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited, we hereby provide the following information regarding the vesting of conditional share awards granted by Sappi to the undermentioned director of the Company. The necessary authority in terms of paragraph 3.66 was obtained and these were off-market transactions:

Director's Name	:	R J Boëttger
Nature of transaction	:	Vesting of grants of conditional share awards in terms of the Sappi Limited Performance Share Incentive Plan.
Date of transaction	:	11 August 2011 (date participant informed of vesting)
Number of conditional Share awards originally Granted	:	220,000
Date of Grants	:	2 July 2007 (100,000 for nil consideration) and 15 December 2008 (120,000, ie 6 additional grants for every 5 existing grants at R20,27 each -total R2,432,400- to take cognizance of Sappi Limited rights offer). Applicable to 4 year performance period 1 October 2006 to 30 September 2010.
Vesting period	:	4 years from date of original grant
Percentage of grants vested	:	50%
Number of grants vested	:	110,000
Total Value	:	R2,772,000.00

Number of grants : 110,000
lapsed

Total Value : R2,772,000.00

Payment for vested : Surrender of 48,262 grants
grants

Total Value : R1,216,200.00

Number of shares to : 61,738
director
Total Value : R1,555,797.60

Class of security : Ordinary shares
Extent of interest : Direct beneficial

2. DEALING IN SECURITIES BY DIRECTORS OF LISTED COMPANIES

In terms of paragraph 3.63 of the Listings Requirements of the JSE Limited, we hereby provide the following information regarding dealing in securities of Sappi by a director of the Company. The dealing was an on-market transaction and clearance for the dealing was received in terms of Listings Requirement 3.66, as follows:

Director's Name : R J Boëttger

Company : Sappi Limited

Date of transaction : 11 August 2011

Nature of transaction : Sale of shares to defray taxation payable on 61,738 shares referred to in (1) above

Total Value : R622,440.00

Number of Shares sold : 24,700

Selling price per share : R25,20

Class of security : Ordinary shares

Extent of interest : Direct beneficial

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SIGNATURE

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: August 11, 2011

SAPPI LIMITED

By: /s/ Laurence Newman

Name: Laurence Newman

Title: Group Financial Controller