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SAPPI LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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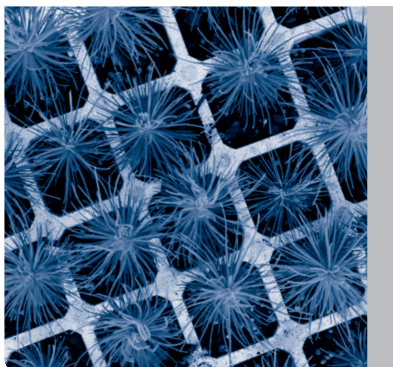
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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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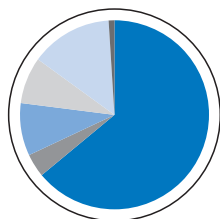
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quarter results
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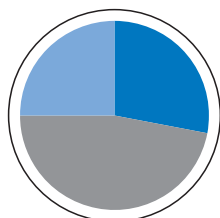
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Sales by product group



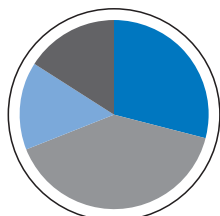
Coated fine paper	64%	Commodity paper	8%
Uncoated fine paper	4%	Pulp	14%
Coated specialties	9%	Other	1%

Sales by source



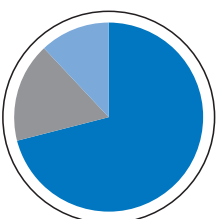
North America	28%	Southern Africa	25%
Europe	47%		

Sales by destination



North America	29%	Southern Africa	15%
Europe	40%	Asia and other	16%

Geographic ownership **



South African	71%	Europe and ROW †	12%
North America	17%		

* for the nine months ended June 2008

** as at June 2008

† Rest of World

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Paper that's part of your life

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Financial summary

- Operating profit excluding special items US\$88 million (Q3 2007: US\$81 million)
- Special items an unfavourable pre-tax adjustment of US\$111 million – mainly plantation price fair value
- Basic EPS a loss of 28 US cents (unfavourably impacted by special items)
- Selling price increases in North America and South Africa
- Severe input cost increases
- Saiccor expansion commissioning in the fourth quarter

	Quarter ended			Nine months ended	
	June 2008	March 2008	Restated **** June 2007	June 2008	Restated **** June 2007
Key figures: (US\$ million)					
Sales	1,494	1,473	1,297	4,344	3,882
Operating (loss) profit	(23)	221	87	289	296
Special items – losses (gains) *	111	(124)	(6)	(12)	(79)
Operating profit excluding special items	88	97	81	277	217
EBITDA excluding special items ***	182	190	176	560	501
Basic EPS (US cents)	(28)	68	17	59	56
Net debt **	2,667	2,661	2,313	2,667	2,313
Key ratios: (%)					
Operating (loss) profit to sales	(1.5)	15.0	6.7	6.7	7.6
Operating profit excluding special items to sales	5.9	6.6	6.2	6.4	5.6
EBITDA excluding special items to sales	12.2	12.9	13.6	12.9	12.9
Operating profit excluding special items to average net assets **	8.1	8.9	8.0	8.5	7.2
Return on average equity (ROE) **	(15.1)	35.9	10.0	10.3	11.2
Net debt to total capitalisation **	50.2	50.3	46.1	50.2	46.1

* Refer to page 9 for more details on special items.

** Refer to page 18, Supplemental Information for the definition of the term.

*** Refer to page 19, Supplemental Information for the reconciliation of EBITDA excluding special items to (loss) profit for the period.

**** Refer to note 2 page 15.

The results presented above have not been audited or reviewed.



Comment

In a seasonally slower quarter, operating performance improved compared to last year. The quarter was marked by severe input cost increases, offset to some extent by our cost savings efforts across the group and successful price increases in North America and South Africa. Selling prices in Europe were flat quarter-on-quarter, but declined from last year. The unfavourable impact of wood, energy and chemical price increases on the group results was US\$19 million compared to the prior quarter and US\$45 million compared to a year earlier.

Pulp prices continued to increase with NBSK increasing to an average of US\$900 per ton from an average of US\$880 per ton in the previous quarter. The increase in pulp prices was beneficial to the group as we sell slightly more pulp than we purchase.

Operating profit excluding special items improved to US\$88 million from US\$81 million last year, but the group operating profit margin excluding special items declined from 6.2% last year to 5.9% this quarter. Special items of US\$111 million include an unfavourable plantation price fair value revaluation adjustment of US\$105 million and a loss of contribution resulting from a flood at Saiccor amounting to US\$6 million. The negative plantation price fair value adjustment was mainly due to a sharp increase in fuel prices. More details of special items are set out on page 9.

An operating loss of US\$23 million (including special items) was recorded, compared to an operating profit of US\$87 million a year ago.

Group sales for the quarter were US\$1.5 billion, a 15.2% increase compared to the third quarter last year, mainly as a result of higher sales volumes in our fine paper businesses together with improved selling prices in North America and Southern Africa.

Net finance costs of US\$45 million for the quarter increased by US\$8 million from last year due to discontinuing capitalisation of interest on the Saiccor expansion project during the quarter, higher debt levels and higher interest rates.

Tax relief on the reported loss before taxation of US\$68 million was limited due to tax losses in certain regions that could not be brought to account.

Basic earnings per share (unfavourably impacted by special items) for the quarter was a loss of 28 US cents, compared to earnings of 23 US cents a year ago.



Cash flow and debt

Cash generated from operations for the quarter was US\$156 million compared to US\$142 million a year ago. Working capital decreased by US\$29 million during the quarter compared to an increase of US\$36 million during the third quarter last year. We expect a further significant reduction in working capital in our fourth quarter.

Included in our cash flow for the quarter were post employment benefit payments of US\$12 million compared to US\$35 million in the equivalent quarter last year. Post employment benefit payments are expected to be US\$90 million for the year, compared to US\$101 million last year, and are expected to decline in 2009.

Net finance costs paid increased to US\$83 million compared to US\$42 million a year ago, mainly as a result of the settlement of forward exchange contracts related to long term debt and higher debt levels.

Taxation paid of US\$40 million, was US\$25 million higher than a year ago mainly due to a provisional tax payment made by our South African business.

Capital expenditure of US\$103 million included US\$52 million for the Saiccor expansion project. We expect to make the final capital expenditure payments on the Saiccor expansion project of approximately US\$50 million over the next two quarters.

Net debt was US\$2,667 million at quarter end, a net increase of US\$6 million from the prior quarter. This increase was the net effect of cash utilised offset by a positive currency movement for the quarter.

Current interest-bearing borrowings of US\$990 million include US\$393 million of securitised trade debtors under a facility, which in the normal course of business is expected to run until 2012. The group has access to US\$620 million as part of a committed revolving loan facility as at the end of June 2008 and cash resources of US\$227 million.

Net debt to total capitalisation was 50.2% at the end of the quarter compared to 50.3% for the prior quarter.

Operating review for the quarter

Sappi Fine Paper

	Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change	Quarter ended March 2008 US\$ million
Sales	1,224	1,037	18.0	1,209
Operating profit	36	25	44.0	47
Operating profit to sales (%)	2.9	2.4	–	3.9
Special items * (gains)	–	–	–	(2)
Operating profit excluding special items	36	25	44.0	45
Operating profit excluding special items to sales (%)	2.9	2.4	–	3.7
EBITDA excluding special items	113	100	13.0	120
EBITDA excluding special items to sales (%)	9.2	9.6	–	9.9
RONOA pa (%)	4.4	3.2	–	5.5

* See page 9 for more details on special items

Sales volumes for our Fine Paper business increased by 6.5% from last year, while average prices in Dollar terms improved 11%, partly due to currency movements. Pricing and margins improved in our North American business, but worsened in our European business.

Cost pressure, particularly in raw materials and energy, increased in all regions.

Europe

	Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change (US\$)	% change (Euro)	Quarter ended March 2008 US\$ million
Sales	705	584	20.7	3.5	697
Operating profit	10	14	(28.6)	(40.0)	18
Operating profit to sales (%)	1.4	2.4	–	–	2.6
Special items * (gains)	–	–	–	–	(2)
Operating profit excluding special items	10	14	(28.6)	(40.0)	16
Operating profit excluding special items to sales (%)	1.4	2.4	–	–	2.3
EBITDA excluding special items	55	57	(3.5)	(16.7)	61
EBITDA excluding special items to sales (%)	7.8	9.8	–	–	8.8
RONOA pa (%)	1.9	2.9	–	–	3.1

* See page 9 for more details on special items

In a tough economic and trading environment, we recovered some market share in Europe during the quarter with sales volumes improving 6% compared to last year. Selling prices for coated fine paper sheets were down from last year and flat compared to last quarter, while there was an improvement in coated fine paper reel prices in some European countries.

Demand for our graphics paper was seasonally weaker in the quarter, except for coated mechanical paper, which showed no sign of seasonal decline. Our speciality paper performed well in the quarter.

Despite our continued focus on cost savings efforts, our operating margin excluding special items declined from 2.4% to 1.4%, mainly due to significant increases in input cost prices. The impact of energy and chemical cost increases compared to the equivalent quarter last year was US\$18 million. These cost increases were partially offset by the sale of carbon credits to the value of US\$9 million during the quarter.

We have announced price increases effective from 1 September 2008 of between 8% and 10%, in order to offset the input cost price increases.

North America

	Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change	Quarter ended March 2008 US\$ million
Sales	424	362	17.1	423
Operating profit	25	8	212.5	26
Operating profit to sales (%)	5.9	2.2	–	6.1
Special items * losses	–	–	–	–
Operating profit excluding special items	25	8	212.5	26
Operating profit excluding special items to sales (%)	5.9	2.2	–	6.1
EBITDA excluding special items	53	36	47.2	51
EBITDA excluding special items to sales (%)	12.5	9.9	–	12.1
RONOA pa (%)	9.2	3.0	–	9.7

* See page 9 for more details on special items

Our North American business continued to improve with stronger reel volumes and increased reel and pulp selling prices, compared to last year. Sales volumes increased 8% compared to the equivalent quarter last year. Our order books for reels remained strong; however, we saw the impact of a slowing US economy on our sheet business.

Realised paper prices improved 6% on last year, while realised pulp prices increased by 14%. During the quarter, coated fine paper price increases have been widely announced by the US industry.

The operating profit margin increased to 5.9% compared to 2.2% last year despite significant input cost increases, particularly in wood, energy and chemicals. Price escalation of these input costs had a negative impact of US\$20 million compared to the equivalent quarter last year.

US imports of coated paper continued to decline during the quarter due to the weakness of the US Dollar, increased transport costs and improved demand in the Far East.

South Africa

	Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change (US\$)	% change (Rand)	Quarter ended March 2008 US\$ million
Sales	95	91	4.4	15.1	89
Operating profit	1	3	(66.7)	(61.9)	3
Operating profit to sales (%)	1.0	3.3	–	–	3.4
Special items *	–	–	–	–	–
Operating profit excluding special items	1	3	(66.7)	(61.9)	3
Operating profit excluding special items to sales (%)	1.1	3.3	–	–	3.4
EBITDA excluding special items	5	7	(28.6)	(22.0)	8
EBITDA excluding special items to sales (%)	5.3	7.7	–	–	9.0
RONOA pa (%)	3.2	7.8	–	–	8.6

* See page 9 for more details on special items

Although we saw improved pricing during the quarter, margins came under pressure from increased input costs, mainly pulp and chemicals. Sales volume was flat on last year. The results were negatively impacted by a seasonal slowing of demand and a temporary shut of the pulp plant at Stanger due to the unavailability of bagasse fibre.

Forest Products

	Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change (US\$)	% change (Rand)	Quarter ended March 2008 US\$ million
Sales	270	260	3.8	14.5	264
Operating profit	(60)	65	–	–	172
Operating profit to sales (%)	(22.2)	25.0	–	–	65.2
Special items * losses (gains)	111	(8)	–	–	(122)
Operating profit excluding special items	51	57	(10.5)	(1.2)	50
Operating profit excluding special items to sales (%)	18.9	21.9	–	–	18.9
EBITDA excluding special items	68	76	(10.5)	(1.3)	67
EBITDA excluding special items to sales (%)	25.2	29.2	–	–	25.4
RONOA pa (%)	12.0	15.1	–	–	11.3

* See page 9 for more details on special items

Demand remained strong for chemical cellulose, but softened for our other products. Our pulp and paper sales volumes were down 3% for the quarter compared to a year ago.

Pricing improved in our Kraft business, chemical cellulose prices remained strong and our export margins benefited from a weaker Rand against the US Dollar compared to last year.

Special items include an unfavourable plantation price fair value adjustment of US\$105 million. The valuation takes into account the cost of delivering wood to market which was impacted by increased fuel prices.

The results of Saiccor were negatively impacted by production interruptions related to our expansion project and a severe flood giving rise to property damage and business interruption that was self-insured. The US\$6 million financial impact of the flood is included under special items. The Saiccor expansion is substantially complete and is now expected to be commissioned towards the end of August.

Input cost pressure, particularly from chemicals, has increased in recent months and has put increased pressure on margins.



Outlook



Continued upward pressure on input costs remains our biggest challenge in the short term. Further increases are expected in energy, fibre and chemical costs during the fourth quarter. In South Africa wage negotiations have been completed. Wage inflation remains an important factor in all our businesses. To mitigate high energy costs, we have initiated further energy projects in all regions.

Although demand remains fairly robust for our products in all regions, a global economic slow-down would impact demand. We are responding to these challenges by continuing to focus on cost control, harnessing our buying power through a global procurement drive and through maximising manufacturing efficiencies. Increasing selling prices continues to be essential to restore and improve profitability. We are implementing price increases in all our businesses.

The operating performance for our Southern African and US businesses is expected to remain strong, while margins in all our businesses, particularly in Europe, will be under pressure due to high input costs. Our Southern African business will be further impacted by a recovery boiler rebuild at our Usutu mill, which will have an unfavourable impact of approximately US\$12 million on operating profit in the fourth quarter.

In light of unrelenting input cost increases, we expect our fourth quarter operating profit, excluding special items, to be lower than the third quarter, however for the full year, we expect operating profit, excluding special items, to be well above last year.

On behalf of the board

R J Boëtger
Director

M R Thompson
Director

31 July 2008

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Other information *(This information has not been reviewed)*

special items

Special items cover those operating items which management believe are material by nature or amount to the results and require separate disclosure. Such items would generally include profit and loss on disposal of property, investments and businesses, asset impairments, restructuring charges, financial impacts of natural disasters and non-cash gains or losses on the price fair value adjustment of plantations.

Special items, excluding interest and tax effects, for the relevant periods are:

	Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million
Plantation price fair value adjustment	105	(15)	(12)	(56)
Restructuring provisions released	–	–	(3)	(7)
Profit on sale of assets	(1)	–	(5)	(25)
Asset impairments	1	–	3	–
Fire, flood, storm and related events ⁽¹⁾	6	9	5	9
	111	(6)	(12)	(79)

⁽¹⁾ The quarter ended June 2008 includes the US\$6 million business interruption impact of the flood at Saiccor mill in South Africa.

key regional figures

	Quarter ended June 2008 Metric tons (000's)	Quarter ended June 2007 Metric tons (000's)	Nine months ended June 2008 Metric tons (000's)	Nine months ended June 2007 Metric tons (000's)
Sales volume				
Fine Paper – North America	389	360	1,164	1,108
Europe	637	599	1,918	1,860
Southern Africa	87	86	246	260
Total	1,113	1,045	3,328	3,228
Forest Products – Pulp and paper operations	347	358	1,039	1,067
Forestry operations	279	259	726	788
Total	1,739	1,662	5,093	5,083

	US\$ million	US\$ million	US\$ million	US\$ million
Sales				
Fine Paper – North America	424	362	1,231	1,107
Europe	705	584	2,040	1,768
Southern Africa	95	91	271	263
Total	1,224	1,037	3,542	3,138
Forest Products – Pulp and paper operations	249	242	747	694
Forestry operations	21	18	55	50
Total	1,494	1,297	4,344	3,882

Other information *(This information has not been reviewed)*

	Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million
Operating (loss) profit				
Fine Paper – North America	25	8	62	13
Europe	10	14	47	71
Southern Africa	1	3	5	6
Total	36	25	114	90
Forest Products	(60)	65	167	212
Corporate	1	(3)	8	(6)
Total	(23)	87	289	296
Special – losses (gains)				
Fine Paper – North America	–	–	2	–
Europe	–	–	(4)	(32)
Southern Africa	–	–	–	–
Total	–	–	(2)	(32)
Forest Products	111	(8)	(10)	(49)
Corporate	–	2	–	2
Total	111	(6)	(12)	(79)
Operating profit excluding special items				
Fine Paper – North America	25	8	64	13
Europe	10	14	43	39
Southern Africa	1	3	5	6
Total	36	25	112	58
Forest Products	51	57	157	163
Corporate	1	(1)	8	(4)
Total	88	81	277	217
EBITDA excluding special items				
Fine Paper – North America	53	36	144	93
Europe	55	57	178	174
Southern Africa	5	7	17	17
Total	113	100	339	284
Forest Products	68	76	212	220
Corporate	1	–	9	(3)
Total	182	176	560	501

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, 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. 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.

Group income statement

Notes	Reviewed Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change	Reviewed Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change
Sales	1,494	1,297	15.2	4,344	3,882	11.9
Cost of sales	1,428	1,116		3,782	3,349	
Gross profit	66	181	(63.5)	562	533	5.4
Selling, general & administrative expenses	95	87		294	268	
Other operating expenses (income)	–	9		(6)	(25)	
Share of profit from associates and joint ventures	(6)	(2)		(15)	(6)	
Operating (loss) profit	(23)	87	–	289	296	(2.4)
Net finance costs	45	37		100	107	
Net interest	43	39		106	112	
Finance cost capitalised	(1)	(4)		(16)	(8)	
Net foreign exchange losses (gains)	2	(3)		(3)	(9)	
Net fair value loss on financial instruments	1	5		13	12	
(Loss) profit before taxation	(68)	50	–	189	189	–
Taxation	(5)	11		55	62	
Current	7	17		11	32	
Deferred	(12)	(6)		44	30	
(Loss) profit for the period	(63)	39	–	134	127	5.5
Basic (loss) earnings per share (US cents)	(28)	17		59	56	
Weighted average number of shares in issue (millions)	228.9	227.9		228.7	227.5	
Diluted basic (loss) earnings per share (US cents)	(28)	17		58	55	
Weighted average number of shares on fully diluted basis (millions)	231.2	231.4		230.9	230.4	

Group balance sheet

	Reviewed June 2008 US\$ million	Reviewed Sept 2007 US\$ million
ASSETS		
Non-current assets	4,574	4,608
Property, plant and equipment	3,568	3,491
Plantations	556	636
Deferred taxation	56	60
Other non-current assets	394	421
Current assets	1,758	1,736
Inventories	789	712
Trade and other receivables	742	660
Cash and cash equivalents	227	364
Total assets	6,332	6,344
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Shareholders' equity		
Ordinary shareholders' interest	1,669	1,816
Non-current liabilities	2,629	2,612
Interest-bearing borrowings	1,882	1,828
Deferred taxation	384	385
Other non-current liabilities	363	399
Current liabilities	2,034	1,916
Interest-bearing borrowings	990	771
Bank overdraft	22	22
Other current liabilities	946	998
Taxation payable	76	125
Total equity and liabilities	6,332	6,344
Number of shares in issue at balance sheet date (millions)	229.1	228.5

Group cash flow statement

	Reviewed Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	Reviewed Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million
(Loss) profit for the period	(63)	39	134	127
Adjustment for:				
Depreciation, felling and amortisation	115	113	344	336
Taxation (relief) charge	(5)	11	55	62
Net finance costs	45	37	100	107
Post employment benefits **	(12)	(35)	(65)	(80)
Other non-cash items	76	(23)	(81)	(128)
Cash generated from operations **	156	142	487	424
Movement in working capital	29	(36)	(134)	(80)
Net finance costs paid	(83)	(42)	(150)	(110)
Taxation paid	(40)	(15)	(56)	(18)
Dividends paid *	–	–	(73)	(68)
Cash retained from operating activities	62	49	74	148
Cash utilised in investing activities **	(98)	(119)	(351)	(265)
Cash effects of financing activities	(36)	(70)	(277)	(117)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	20	(51)	(116)	(43)

* Dividend number 84: 32 US cents per share (2007: 30 US cents per share)

** Reclassification – Refer note 1

Group statement of recognised income and expense

	Reviewed Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	Reviewed Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	50	45	(222)	123
Pension fund asset not recognised	–	48	–	44
Deferred tax asset (raised) released	–	(13)	2	(14)
Sundry other movements in equity	(1)	–	(1)	5
Net income (expense) recorded directly in equity	49	80	(221)	158
(Loss) profit for the period	(63)	39	134	127
Total recognised (expense) income for the period	(14)	119	(87)	285

Notes to the group results

1. Basis of preparation

The condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34, *Interim Financial Reporting*. The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the results are consistent, in all material respects, with those used in the annual financial statements for September 2007 which are compliant with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The preliminary results for the quarter and nine month period ended June 2008 as set out on pages 12 to 17 have been reviewed in terms of the International Standard on Review Engagements 2410 by the group's auditors, Deloitte & Touche. Their unmodified review report is available for inspection at the company's registered offices. The results for the quarters ended March 2008 and December 2007 have not been audited or reviewed on a stand-alone basis by the auditors.

Reclassification of comparative figures – Cash outflows relating to contributions to post employment benefit funds previously reflected in cash utilised in investing activities, have been included in cash generated from operations.

2. Restatement

During third quarter 2007, the group recognised a taxation credit of US\$14 million related to a tax rate change in Germany. The recognition was based on the group's judgment that the change in the German tax rate from 38% to 30% had been substantively enacted during the quarter ended June 2007. The group has subsequently concluded that the tax law change was substantively enacted on 6 July 2007, and accordingly, the impact of the tax rate change should have been reflected in its fourth quarter results. The change has no impact on the group's results for the year ended September 2007, however it does impact the deferred taxation and profit for the period for the quarters ended June and September 2007 and for the nine months ended June 2007 as follows:

	Reviewed Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	Reviewed Quarter ended Sept 2007 US\$ million	Reviewed Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million	Reviewed Year ended Sept 2007 US\$ million
Deferred taxation as reported	(20)	(7)	16	9
Change in timing of taxation credit	14	(14)	14	–
Deferred taxation as restated	(6)	(21)	30	9
Profit for the period as reported	53	61	141	202
Taxation credit	(14)	14	14	–
Profit for the period as restated	39	75	127	202
Basic earnings per share (US cents) as reported	23	27	62	89
Basic earnings per share (US cents) as restated	17	33	56	89
Diluted basic earnings per share (US cents) as reported	23	26	61	88
Diluted basic earnings per share (US cents) as restated	17	32	55	88

3. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' equity

	Reviewed Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million
Balance – beginning of year	1,816	1,386
Total recognised (expense) income for the period	(87)	285
Dividends paid	(73)	(68)
Transfers to participants of the share purchase trust	6	14
Share-based payment reserve	7	4
Balance – end of period	1,669	1,621

notes to the group results

	Reviewed Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	Reviewed Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Reviewed Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million
4. Operating (loss) profit				
Included in operating (loss) profit are the following non-cash items:				
Depreciation and amortisation	94	95	283	284
Fair value adjustment on plantations (included in cost of sales)				
Changes in volume				
Fellings	21	18	61	52
Growth	(20)	(22)	(55)	(57)
Plantation price fair value adjustment	1	(4)	6	(5)
	105	(15)	(12)	(56)
	106	(19)	(6)	(61)
Included in other operating (expenses) income are the following:				
Asset impairments	1	–	3	1
Profit on disposal of property, plant & equipment	(1)	1	(5)	(24)
Restructuring provisions released	–	(1)	(3)	(11)
5. Headline (loss) earnings per share				
Headline (loss) earnings per share (US cents) *	(27)	18	58	48
Weighted average number of shares in issue (millions)	228.9	227.9	228.7	227.5
Diluted headline (loss) earnings per share (US cents) *	(27)	17	58	47
Weighted average number of shares on fully diluted basis (millions)	231.2	231.4	230.9	230.4
Calculation of Headline (loss) earnings *				
(Loss) profit for the period	(63)	39	134	127
Asset impairments	1	–	3	1
Profit on disposal of property, plant & equipment	(1)	1	(5)	(24)
Tax effect of above items	1	–	1	5
Headline (loss) earnings	(62)	40	133	109
* Headline earnings disclosure is required by the JSE Limited.				
6. Capital expenditure				
Property, plant and equipment	103	116	377	330
			June 2008 US\$ million	Sept 2007 US\$ million
7. Capital commitments				
Contracted			102	188
Approved but not contracted			169	249
			271	437

notes to the group results

	Reviewed June 2008 US\$ million	Reviewed Sept 2007 US\$ million
8. Contingent liabilities		
Guarantees and suretyships	47	43
Other contingent liabilities *	7	26
	54	69

* The decrease in contingent liabilities reflects management's revised estimate of losses which could arise from taxation queries to which certain group companies are subject. These amounts have now been recognised as liabilities.

9. Material balance sheet movements

Current and non-current interest bearing borrowings

The movement on these balances between September 2007 and June 2008 is largely due to (i) US\$190 million of expenditure on the Saiccor expansion project, (ii) financing for the purchase of leased equipment for US\$75 million and (iii) US\$133 million of currency movements and fair value adjustments.

Taxation

The movement is a result of certain tax liabilities which the group has settled in the past nine months.

10. Regional information

	Reviewed Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Reviewed Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change	Reviewed Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Reviewed Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million	% change
Sales						
Fine Paper – North America	424	362	17.1	1,231	1,107	11.2
Europe	705	584	20.7	2,040	1,768	15.4
Southern Africa	95	91	4.4	271	263	3.0
Total	1,224	1,037	18.0	3,542	3,138	12.9
Forest Products – Pulp and paper operations	249	242	2.9	747	694	7.6
Forestry operations	21	18	16.7	55	50	10.0
Total	1,494	1,297	15.2	4,344	3,882	11.9
Operating (loss) profit						
Fine Paper – North America	25	8	212.5	62	13	376.9
Europe	10	14	(28.6)	47	71	(33.8)
Southern Africa	1	3	(66.7)	5	6	(16.7)
Total	36	25	44.0	114	90	26.7
Forest Products	(60)	65	–	167	212	(21.2)
Corporate	1	(3)	–	8	(6)	–
Total	(23)	87	–	289	296	(2.4)
Net operating assets						
Fine Paper – North America	1,064	1,061	0.3	1,064	1,061	0.3
Europe	2,098	1,947	7.8	2,098	1,947	7.8
Southern Africa	124	153	(19.0)	124	153	(19.0)
Total	3,286	3,161	4.0	3,286	3,161	4.0
Forest Products	1,714	1,572	9.0	1,714	1,572	9.0
Corporate and other	27	40	(32.5)	27	40	(32.5)
Total	5,027	4,773	5.3	5,027	4,773	5.3

Supplemental information *(This information has not been reviewed)*

general definitions

Average – averages are calculated as the sum of the opening and closing balances for the relevant period divided by two

Fellings – the amount charged against the income statement representing the standing value of the plantations harvested

NBSK – Northern Bleached Softwood Kraft pulp. One of the main varieties of market pulp, mainly produced from spruce trees in Scandinavia, Canada and north eastern USA. The NBSK is a benchmark widely used in the pulp and paper industry for comparative purposes

SG&A – selling, general and administrative expenses

Non-GAAP measures

The group believes that it is useful to report these non-GAAP measures for the following reasons:

- these measures are used by the group for internal performance analysis;
- the presentation by the group's reported business segments of these measures facilitates comparability with other companies in our industry, although the group's measures may not be comparable with similarly titled profit measurements reported by other companies; and
- it is useful in connection with discussion with the investment analyst community and debt rating agencies.

These non-GAAP measures should not be considered in isolation or construed as a substitute for GAAP measures in accordance with IFRS

EBITDA excluding special items – earnings before interest (net finance costs), tax, depreciation, amortisation and special items

Headline earnings – as defined in circular 8/2007 issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants, separates from earnings all separately identifiable re-measurements. It is not necessarily a measure of sustainable earnings. It is a listing requirement of the JSE Limited to disclose headline earnings per share

Net debt – current and non-current interest-bearing borrowings, and bank overdrafts (net of cash, cash equivalents and short-term deposits)

Net debt to total capitalisation – Net debt divided by shareholders' equity plus minority interest, non-current liabilities, current interest-bearing borrowings and overdraft

Net operating assets – total assets (excluding deferred taxation and cash) less current liabilities (excluding interest-bearing borrowings and bank overdraft)

Net assets – total assets less current liabilities

Net asset value – shareholders' equity plus deferred tax liabilities minus deferred tax assets

Net asset value per share – net asset value divided by the number of shares in issue at balance sheet date

ROE – return on average equity. Profit for the period divided by average shareholders' equity

RONOA – return on net operating assets. Operating profit excluding special items divided by average net operating assets

Special items – special items cover those items which management believe are material by nature or amount to the operating results and require separate disclosure. Such items would generally include profit and loss on disposal of property, investments and businesses, asset impairments, restructuring charges, financial impacts of natural disasters and non-cash gains or losses on the price fair value adjustment of plantations

The above financial measures are presented to assist our shareholders and the investment community in interpreting our financial results. These financial measures are regularly used and compared between companies in our industry.

Supplemental information *(This information has not been reviewed)*

	Quarter ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Quarter ended June 2007 US\$ million	Nine months ended June 2008 US\$ million	Restated Nine months ended June 2007 US\$ million
(Loss) profit for the period to EBITDA excluding special items ⁽¹⁾ reconciliation				
(Loss) profit for the period	(63)	39	134	127
Net finance costs	45	37	100	107
Taxation	(5)	11	55	62
Special items – losses (gains)	111	(6)	(12)	(79)
Operating profit excluding special items	88	81	277	217
Depreciation and amortisation	94	95	283	284
EBITDA excluding special items ⁽¹⁾	182	176	560	501
			June 2008 US\$ million	Sept 2007 US\$ million
Net debt (US\$ million) ⁽²⁾			2,667	2,257
Net debt to total capitalisation (%) ⁽²⁾			50.2	43.2
Net asset value per share (US\$) ⁽²⁾			8.72	9.37

⁽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 excluding special items to net profit rather than operating profit. As a result our definition retains minority interest as part of EBITDA excluding special items.

Operating profit excluding special items represents earnings before interest (net finance costs), taxation and special items. 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. Special items cover those items which management believe are material by nature or amount to the results and require separate disclosure. Such items would generally include profit and loss on disposal of property, investments and businesses, asset impairments, restructuring charges, financial impacts of natural disasters and non-cash gains or losses on the price fair value adjustment of plantations.

EBITDA excluding special items represents operating profit before depreciation, amortisation and special items.

We use both operating profit excluding special items and EBITDA excluding special items as internal measures of performance to benchmark and compare performance, both between our own operations and as against other companies. Operating profit excluding special items and EBITDA excluding special items are measures used by the group, together with measures of performance under IFRS, to compare the relative performance of operations in planning, budgeting and reviewing the performances of various businesses. We believe they are useful and commonly used measures of financial performance in addition to net profit, operating profit and other profitability measures under IFRS because they facilitate 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 amortisation methods, historic cost and age of assets, financing and capital structures and taxation positions or regimes, we believe both operating profit excluding special items and EBITDA excluding special items can provide a useful additional basis for comparing the current performance of the operations being evaluated. For these reasons, we believe operating profit excluding special items and EBITDA excluding special items 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 operating profit excluding special items and EBITDA excluding special items differently, so making comparisons among companies on this basis should be done very carefully. Operating profit excluding special items and EBITDA excluding special items are not measures of performance under IFRS and should not be considered in isolation or construed as a substitute for operating profit or net profit as indicators of the company's operations in accordance with IFRS.

⁽²⁾ Refer to page 18, Supplemental Information for the definition of the term.

Supplemental information *(This information has not been reviewed)*

summary Rand convenience translation

	Quarter ended June 2008	Restated Quarter ended June 2007	% change	Nine months ended June 2008	Restated Nine months ended June 2007	% change
Key figures: (ZAR million)						
Sales	11,711	9,221	27.0	31,814	27,997	13.6
Operating (loss) profit	(180)	619	–	2,117	2,135	(0.8)
Special items – losses (gains) *	870	(43)	–	(88)	(570)	–
Operating profit excluding special items	690	576	19.8	2,029	1,565	29.6
EBITDA excluding special items *	1,427	1,251	14.1	4,101	3,613	13.5
(Loss) profit for the period	(494)	277	–	981	916	7.1
Basic EPS (SA cents)	(219)	121	–	432	404	6.9
Net debt *	21,108	16,282	29.6	21,108	16,282	29.6
Cash generated from operations	1,223	1,010	21.1	3,567	3,058	16.6
Cash retained from operating activities	486	348	39.7	542	1,067	(49.2)
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	157	(363)	–	(850)	(310)	–
Key ratios: (%)						
Operating (loss) profit to sales	(1.5)	6.7		6.7	7.6	
Operating profit excluding special items to sales	5.9	6.2		6.4	5.6	
EBITDA excluding special items to sales	12.2	13.6		12.9	12.9	
Operating profit excluding special items to average net assets	8.0	7.8		8.4	7.1	
Net debt to total capitalisation *	50.2	46.1		50.2	46.1	

* Refer to page 18, Supplemental Information for the definition of the term.

The above financial results have been translated into ZAR from 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.

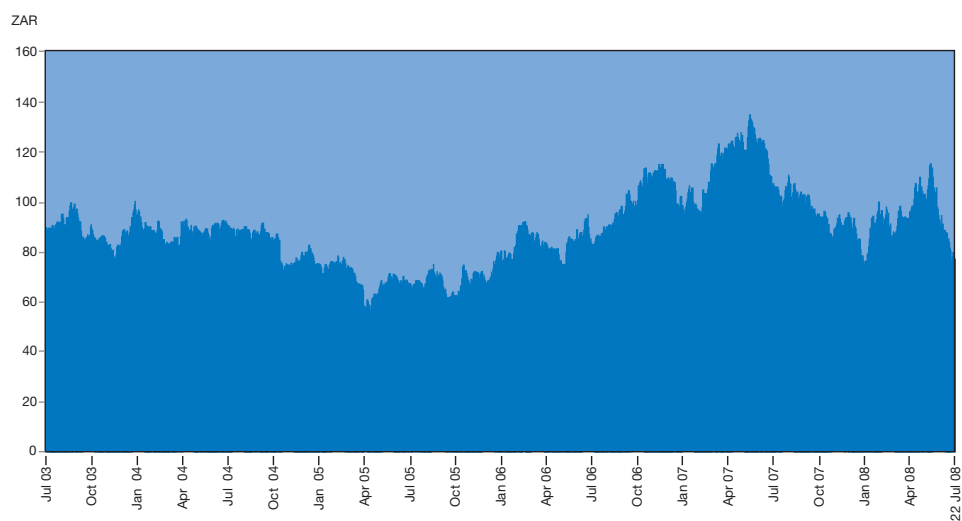
exchange rates

	June 2008	March 2008	Dec 2007	Sept 2007	June 2007
Exchange rates :					
Period end rate: US\$1 = ZAR	7.9145	8.1432	6.8068	6.8713	7.0393
Average rate for the Quarter: US\$1 = ZAR	7.8385	7.4593	6.7488	7.0453	7.1095
Average rate for the YTD: US\$1 = ZAR	7.3236	7.1465	6.7488	7.1741	7.2121
Period end rate: EUR 1 = US\$	1.5795	1.5802	1.4717	1.4272	1.3542
Average rate for the Quarter: EUR 1 = US\$	1.5747	1.5006	1.4556	1.3782	1.3498
Average rate for the YTD: EUR 1 = US\$	1.5071	1.4790	1.4556	1.3336	1.3178

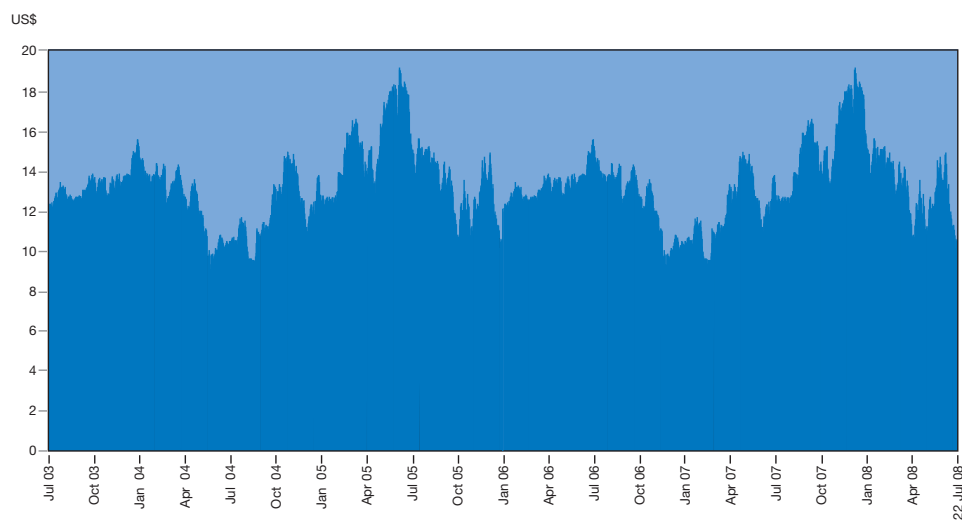
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- Assets and liabilities at rates of exchange ruling at period end; and
- Income, expenditure and cash flow items at average exchange rates.

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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.

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