

Sappi Southern Africa scores Platinum in EcoVadis sustainability rating

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Globally accredited sustainability ratings provider EcoVadis has scored Sappi Southern Africa Platinum Medal status in its assessment of how well the company has integrated sustainability principles into its business and management system.



EcoVadis is the world's largest and most trusted provider of business sustainability ratings, creating a global network of more than 65,000 rated companies. The methodology they use to perform these assessments are based on international sustainability standards, including the Global Reporting Initiative, the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) and the ISO 26000, with their Sustainability Scorecard illustrating performance across 21 indicators in four themes, being environment, labour and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement.

Sappi Southern Africa scored 79 out of 100 in its assessment, affording it Platinum Medal status and placing it in the top 1% of companies assessed by EcoVadis worldwide.

Commenting on the result, vice president: sustainability and business development of Sappi Southern Africa, Tyrone Hawkes, said: "We are pleased that the efforts we have been pursuing on the sustainability front have been recognised. We support the principles of the UNGC and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as we focus on reshaping the world around us to create a more sustainable one, not only delivering returns to our shareholders, but also maximising the value of every resource along our value chain to ensure those returns are sustainable."

About Sappi Southern Africa

Sappi is a leading global provider of powerful everyday materials made from woodfibre-based renewable resources. As a diversified, innovative and trusted leader focused on sustainable processes and products, we seek to support a more circular economy.

Sappi is powered by the expertise of more than 12,000 people worldwide; with headquarters in four key regions: South Africa, Europe, North America and Asia.

Locally, we have a footprint in Gauteng (head office), KwaZulu Natal (three mills and a shared services hub), Mpumalanga (two mills) and the Western Cape (sales office staff). Our product offering in SA includes dissolving pulp, packaging and specialities, graphic papers and forestry products.

We also generate shared value in the communities in which we operate, by investing in skills training and SMME development to boost employment and grow the economy.

Sappi will continue to build a thriving world by acting boldly to support the planet, people and prosperity.

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