

SAPPI SOUTHERN AFRICA LTD, SAICCOR PLANT COASTAL ADVISORY FORUM (CAF)

**Minutes of meeting held at 10:00 on Thursday, 7 November 2024
at the Italian Club Umkomaas**

Present (as per the attendance register)

Minenhle Bhengu (MB)	Sappi
Craig Daniel (CD)	Sappi
Samuel Mokoena (SM)	Sappi
Siphelele Ngubo (SN)	DWS
Aadila Omarjee (AO)	CSIR
Welly Qwabe (WQ)	KZN Wildlife
Sphamandla Shabalala (SS)	Sappi
Serge Young (SY)	Sappi

Secretariat

Rose Owen (RO)	Phelamanga
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Apologies

Sumaiya Arabi (SA)	DFFE
Navika Govender (NG)	DWS
Ntombi Madibe (NM)	DWS
Brent Newman (BN)	CSIR

Abbreviations - All members

AB	Alan Blair	NBP	Nitasha Baijnath-Pillay
AF	AJ Forbes	NF	Nicolette Forbes
AM	Alfred Matsheke	NM	Ntombi Madibe
AO	Aadila Omarjee	NR	Ndou Rendani
BN	Brent Newman	PM	Peter Morris
BS	Bonisiwe Sithole	PrM	Prudence Mabokela
BT	Busi Tshabalala	RB	Rod Bulman
CD	Craig Daniel	RC	Rob Crankshaw
CM	Charles Mzobe	RG	Risky Gumede
CP	Cyril Pillay	RO	Rose Owen
CS	Carolyn Schwegman	RP	Renelle Pillay
CT	Christabell Tshonaphi	SA	Sumaiya Arabi
DA	Derek Airey	SB	Santosh Bachoo
DH	Daniel How	SG	Siyasanga Garane
EM	Elijah Masondo	SM	Samuel Mokoena
GM	Govender Moonsamy	SMg	Slindile Mgozi
JB	Judy Bell	SMk	S Mkhize
JG	J Govender	SN	Siphelele Ngubo
JM	Jabulile Madibe	SNa	Shane Naidoo
KM	Khethiwe Methula	SNd	Sam Ndlovu
KMo	Krish Moodley	SS	Sphamandla Shabalala
KS	Kavershen Subben	SY	Serge Young
LG	Lisa Guastella	TM	Tsepo Molotsi
MC	Mitchell Cason	TN	Tandiwe Njajula
ML	Mpho Ligudu	TNt	Thabo Nthlanakoe
MN	M Naicker	TR	Tshililo Ramaru
MP	Mthabiso Phungula	VM	Vishnu Mabeer
MT	Mulalo Tshikotshi	WQ	Welly Qwabe
MTh	Mmaphefo Thwala		

	ACTION
<p>1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION & APOLOGIES</p> <p>1. RO welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting, she noted that the meeting. RO requested all to sign the attendance register and confirm their contact details.</p> <p>2. RO thanked all for attending despite the difficulties experienced on the N2.</p> <p>3. RO noted that there had been a number of apologies received as noted above.</p>	
<p>2. SAFETY MINUTE</p> <p>RO briefed those meeting in-person regarding the venue emergency exits and toilets.</p>	
<p>3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</p> <p>The agenda was accepted and adopted.</p>	
<p>4. PURPOSE AND FORMAT</p> <p>The primary purpose shall be to ensure that the marine outfall owned and operated by SAPPI Southern Africa Limited; Saiccor Mill at Umkomaas is fully compliant with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the conditions imposed by any licence or permit issued by a competent authority; 2. local, national and international environmental legislation; 3. environmental norms, standards, policies and guidelines; 4. And that adverse impacts and pollution to the receiving environment are avoided and/or minimized within acceptable timeframes to acceptable standards. 	

	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>5. The forum is a platform to inform the authorities of concerns that may be raised during the licence period.</p> <p>6. Meetings shall be held quarterly, or as agreed by the members.</p> <p>7. Meetings shall be conducted in good faith and with full disclosure by all parties of all relevant information.</p>	
<p>5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2024 AND CONFIRMATION THEREOF</p> <p>The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
<p>6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</p> <p>1. RO reported there were no matters arising</p>	
<p>7. REPORT FROM SAPPI SAICCOR <i>[See Annexure for link to the presentation]</i></p> <p>Contact details for the SAPPI Saiccor for queries, complaints were provided Landline 039 973 8911 Alternative line 080 133 4850 Cell phone 082 853 7258 Email Saiccor.enviro@sappi.com</p>	
<p>7.1. Permit compliance</p> <p>1. SS informed the meeting that they had 100% compliance on water containing waste to river, with no overflows this period.</p> <p>2. There were 7 exceedances on effluent to sea, all were related to Suspended Solids.</p> <p>3. On investigations it has been determined that the Suspended Solids are fibre loss.</p>	
<p>7.2. Audit Sample</p> <p>1. SS noted in the report that the suspended solids samples had a relative percentage difference in excess of 179% between Sappi and Talbot laboratories. They will investigate this as they split the sample and SS should not have such a large difference.</p> <p>2. In discussion in the meeting it was proposed that the sample may not have been correctly/adequately agitated before it was split.</p> <p>3. There was discussion regarding how the audit sample is supported, is there a Sappi person attending when the sample is taken to ensure there is SOP protocols being followed.</p> <p>4. There was further discussion on the temperature difference. The Sappi team noted they need to follow up and ensure the temperature is taken in situ, and protocol is followed when it is done. In addition it was suggested that the Sappi team get feedback on their online monitor at the same time to ensure both are reading similar as this temperature difference may be an indication of an equipment issue.</p> <p>5. It was highlighted that Talbot Laboratories is no longer doing lignin sampling, however Sappi have continued with CSIR. The results continue to be similar.</p> <p>6. It was noted that there is still an alternate laboratory doing the lignin testing. There was previously a discussion within the forum that Sappi will liaise with SA regarding the need for a 3rd laboratory to test for lignin or can the sampling continue with just CSIR as the auditing laboratory.</p>	
<p>7.3. Effluent results</p> <p>1. SS and SM noted with concern that after the shut in July there has been an increase in COD levels, they are currently investigating.</p>	
<p>7.4. Plume visibility</p> <p>1. No reports of plume visibility.</p>	
<p>7.5. Foam on beaches</p>	

Facilitator

ANNEXURE

The following link to the folder containing the presentations referred to above will be available in Phelamanga Projects' Dropbox until the next meeting of the LAF.

PRESENTATION	LINK	FILE SIZE
Sappi SAICCOR – Presentation	https://www.dropbox.com/s/fpym5t1b8v8okdj/Sappi%20Saic-cor%20CAF%2007%20November%202024.pdf?dl=0	2 516 KB