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## Summary Report

### Sustainable Forest Management

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Wood** RW/1-44-2

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Reporting parameter	Comments
Certification standard	AS 4708:2013
Client Name / Business name	ForestrySA
Business address of the client	Kuitpo Forest offices, 11 Harvey Road, Meadows, 5201 SA. Current head office and depot at Jubilee Highway, Mount Gambier, moving to Kuitpo.
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Jonathan Tibbits, Dr. Phil Crosby [Wednesday only], Dr. Wayne Tibbits CF
Dates of review:	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Management of commercial pine plantations and native forest reserves in the Mount Gambier and Mount Lofty Ranges of South Australia.
Type of review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 pre-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2 certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance post certification; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Re-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up or special audit
Scope of the audit / review including sites visited	All requirements of the standard at all offices and depots.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>ForestrySA may also be referred to as the forest manager, the organisation or the client in this report. Nature of the DFA can be summarised as follows: largely pine plantations of <i>P. radiata</i> and native forest reserves.</p> <p>This Forest Management System [FMS] is maintained and implemented on a day-to-day basis by employees at offices in Mount Gambier and Kuitpo. Engineering, harvest, and silvicultural contractors undertake field activities. Apart from evidence gathering at Head Office, inspections included the required minimum number of sites across the estate, both active and inactive. The audit team visited 15 sites that were chosen by the audit team leader and the organisation, with 25% selected randomly by the audit team leader.</p> <p>The audit team for stakeholder consultation selected a small number of parties face-to-face contact. Feedback comments indicated that: they were all aware of the organisation ForestrySA. There were particular aspects of forest management to which the stakeholders had strong interest and potential impact, and that there were no reasons as yet to make any formal complaints, disputes or grievances against the forest manager. All viewed the forest manager positively, and looked forward to engaging with ForestrySA.</p> <p>This three-person recertification review over three days [seven auditor days in total] focused on all criteria related to stakeholder consultation, biodiversity, forest productive capacity, ecosystem health/ vitality, soils/water, carbon, culture, and social/economic values as well as the management aspects of the FMS, including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, and management review processes. It included one full day in the field by all three auditors with site visits and assessments centering on all the abovementioned criteria.</p> <p>Since the previous audit in January 2019, there have been some major changes in key members of staff supporting the forest management system, with the Manager Recreation &amp; Community Engagement retiring and a Planning Forester leaving. A restructure has taken place to cover these losses. The transition appears to be effective.</p> <p>During this audit we closed all seven of nine previous findings and raised 14 new findings, three minor non-conformance and 11 as observations. The matter of minor non-conformances, including a previous finding escalated from an observation, identified at this audit related to internal audits, management review, stakeholder identification and systems to control chemicals. The client presented and implemented a corrective action plan, within three business days after the audit's closing meeting. This enabled</p>

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	<p>Global-Mark to conclude that it may still award a certificate, as the forest manager has identified the root cause of the non-conformance and provided an acceptable plan to meet the outstanding requirements within an agreed time frame. This indicates prompt action by the client.</p> <p>Positive observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 3 May 2019 there was concern over wet weather/slope, so as to actively manage water quality the harvest gear was moved off-site. This is well done. At previous audits we had audit findings about the extent of land impacted by rutting and water flow along tracks.</li> <li>There is a strong focus on multiple-use forests, with non-commercial values emphasised through educational and recreational activities.</li> <li>The organisation's sustainable management system has a small team of dedicated and professional people.</li> <li>Finally, the company is to be congratulated for their attention and investment in maintaining the certified status of the FMS, and for the many examples of high competency, good forestry practice, and community support.</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities to improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal audit of operations and the system, as distinct from routine monitoring, plus review of audit results and the whole system performance could be improved. These are new findings minor nonconformances № 49-51.</li> </ul> <p>We believe that the Forest Management System implemented and operated by ForestrySA continues to meet the requirements for certification against the AS 4708 Australian Standard for Responsible Wood for the activities/products and sites listed on the Global-Mark scope of certification.</p>
<p><b>Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]</b></p>	<p>Pine plantations in Adelaide Hills and nearby areas. Native vegetation in Adelaide and Green Triangle areas.</p>
<p><b>Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed</b></p>	<p>From ForestrySA, at Responsible Wood website listing certified forest managers. Maps of DFA in Mount Lofty Ranges Region of South Australia.</p>
<p><b>The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner</b></p>	<p>Commercial plantations, mostly pine and in the Adelaide Hills, comprising 10,643 hectares. Proclaimed Native Forest Reserves, natural feature areas and other areas of 24,897 hectares. The total area is 33,239 hectares, which includes all areas in Green Triangle and Mount Lofty Ranges, but excludes all areas in the Mid-North.</p>

**Review team declaration:**

We confirm that for the purpose of this review:

- We did not have any conflict of interest with and are fully independent from the company listed above.
- The review team had sufficient resources, and competences to complete its review and reach its conclusions summarised here.
- We had the appropriate credentials to perform this review in accordance with Global-Mark Pty Ltd and applicable accreditation requirements.

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- This summary report does not and should not be seen as advice. Please consult a qualified advisor or consultant for advice.
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- The summary report has been prepared for the abovementioned client/ business to make publicly available without request.

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