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Summary Report

Sustainable Forest Management



**Responsible
Wood** RW/1-44-2

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	Comments
Certification standard	AS 4708:2013
Client Name / Business name	Forestry SA
Business address of the client	Kuitpo Forest Offices, 11 Harvey Road, Meadows, SA 5201
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Jonathan Tibbits
Dates of review:	21 & 22 September 2020
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Processes involved in the management and protection of native forests, plantations and other land use activities. It also covers the harvesting and delivery of forest products by ForestrySA to customers sourced from the Defined Forest Area. The Defined Forest Area registration applies to the total land under ForestrySA management control in the Mount Lofty Ranges and Green Triangle as documented in the ForestrySA GIS database, excluding the mid north region.
Type of review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 pre-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2 certification; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveillance post certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Re-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up or special audit
Scope of the audit / review including sites visited	Remote assessment of the systems for managing commercial pine plantations and native forest reserves in the Mount Gambier and Mount Lofty Ranges of South Australia.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>A special post-certification review was held to assess the organisation's ongoing conformance with the requirements of AS 4708. Documents were reviewed, systems records were provided, and evidence was gathered to support the audit team's review comments and findings.</p> <p><u>Audit background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This post certification audit was originally planned for June 2020, however due to the coronavirus pandemic it was delayed. Field site visits planned for August 2020 were initially postponed until October. A hybrid audit approach was agreed upon by the organisation and Global-Mark where some system elements would be reviewed remotely and then based on borders re-opening and by following a COVID-19 plan a visit to operational field sites would be conducted by Wayne Tibbits. New South Australian border closures around the time the field component of the audit was to be conducted (October 2020) meant the field component had to be again postponed. The Forestry Programme Manager reviewed the remote evidence submitted by the organisation and agreed to update the Post Certification Plan to account for the missed field visits in 2020. Not all findings from previous audit/s have been reviewed during this remote assessment. A number of previous audit findings have been partially addressed but remain open pending full implementation to be verified on-site in 2021. <p><u>Positive comments are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The system is well established, and key elements are able to be reviewed remotely. Staff were approachable, appeared competent in their roles and information was readily provided to the audit team when requested. <p><u>Improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> More timely provision of defined forest area data to Responsible Wood.



	2. Greater evidence that the Mount Lofty ranges Forest Management plan has been reviewed or is in the review process.
Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]	Commercial plantations, mostly pine and in the Adelaide Hills. Native forest reserves in Green Triangle and Adelaide Hills.
Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA	Refer to https://www.forestrysa.com.au
The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner	Approximately 28,700 hectares.

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.

Comment and disclaimer on this report:

- This summary report does not and should not be seen as advice. Please consult a qualified advisor or consultant for advice.
- Due to the sampling nature of third party business reviews, the time available and samples size, some issues, nonconformance, non-compliances or improvements might not have been identified in the present audit summarised reported. This does not imply that these issues do not exist or are in conformance or compliance. Employees, management, and other stakeholders of the organization need to and are responsible for, continuously identifying and taking necessary controls to ensure continued conformance with the standard.
- Readers of this report should make judgement taking the above into account.
- The summary report has been prepared for the abovementioned client/ business to make publicly available without request.

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