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Summary Report

Sustainable Forest Management



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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 (Audit Team Leader), Wayne Tibbits (Auditor)
Dates of review:	5, 17, 18, 19 May, & 17 June 2021
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 and on-site review of the systems for managing commercial pine plantations and native forest reserves. Elements of the standard outlined in the post certification plan, including previous audit findings, Criterion 2, 3 and 6. Sites visited: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kuitpo Forest Offices, 11 Harvey Road, Meadows, SA 5201 • Mt Crawford Forest Offices, 745 Warren Road, Williamstown, SA, 5351 • Jubilee Highway East, Mount Gambier, SA, 5290
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>The audit assessed the organisation’s ongoing conformance with the requirements of the standard identified in the Post Certification Plan. Documented information was reviewed, staff were interviewed, systems demonstrated, and evidence was gathered in the field at an operational level to support the audit team’s review and findings.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and state border closures and quarantine requirements no field sites were able to be visited in 2020. In 2021 the audit team in consultation with the client (hereafter ForestrySA or the organisation) elected for a hybrid audit approach, agreeing to be flexible with the available window for the on-site component. A combination of on-site and remote auditing was used.</p> <p>The following comments have been made as a result of the audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicable elements of the standard within the scope of certification were reviewed • The scope and suitability of the system have been reviewed. The Second Valley depot is not manned but listed on the certificate as it is a temporary base for the bulk water carrier. • The outstanding findings have been considered and closure comments included in the full report. • Global-Mark will re-issue a 2020 Public Summary report for the organisation to add to their website. One was not available at the time of the audit. <p><u>Positive comments are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notable updates to system were presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new forest management plan (sighted draft), available online • Reviewing and consolidating internal documents • Revising process for audit and review



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafting a Work Health & Safety Manual (rather than having individual documents) • Updated Hot Work Permits - electronically fillable • Changed methods for incident reporting and inductions, including the use of the QR code poster (rapid reporting) • Updated Charter signed by Hon David Basham MP on 8/9/2020. • Updated log sales policy and a new log sales standard - 70,000t per annum over a ten year period. <p>2. Staff were approachable, appeared competent in their roles and information was readily provided to the audit team when requested.</p> <p><u>Improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expansion of stakeholder engagement plan to include the use of new social media platforms. 2. Greater use of the new Rapid Global system to record complaints. 3. Possible need to consider the need for additional hazard controls and the liability implications arising from increased access to their estate for recreational activities.
<p>Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]</p>	<p>Commercial plantations, mostly pine and in the Adelaide Hills. Native forest reserves in Green Triangle and Adelaide Hills.</p>
<p>Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA</p>	<p>Refer to https://www.forestrysa.com.au</p>
<p>The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner</p>	<p>In the new draft Forest Management Plan: ForestrySA manages approximately 15,502ha of declared Forest Reserve and 4,200ha of declared Native Forest Reserve under the Forestry Act 1950 in the Mount Lofty Ranges (MLR) and Fleurieu Peninsula (FP) of South Australia. A further 8,96ha of plantation is managed on SA Water Reservoir Reserves.</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.

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.

End of summary report



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