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## Summary Report - August 2023

### Sustainable Forest Management

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General	Comments
Certification standard	AS/NZS 4708: 2021 Plus "GUIDANCE NOTE ON CERTIFICATION OF ECOSYSTEM SERVICES UNDER AS/NZS 4708:2021 SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT "
Client Name / Business name	Forestry SA
Business address of the client	Corporate HQ: 11 Harvey Road, Kuitpo, SA 5201
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members	Dr Wayne Tibbits - Audit Team Leader, and Mr. Stephen Clarke. The audit team shall include individuals with relevant expertise in the specific forest value/benefit for ecosystem services - biodiversity [Ph.D. in genetics including gene conservation] and recreation [operational experience in picnic hut developments in forests].
Dates of review	August 2023: Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> [afternoon only], Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>
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"/> Remote MD4; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plus transition to AS/NZS 4708: 2021 from AS:4708:2013, as well as verification, quantification, and certification of ecosystem services
Sites visited to assess [e.g., office, depot, nursery, fire tower etc.]	Corporate HQ and Depot: 11 Harvey Road, Kuitpo, SA 5201 Depot: Mt Crawford Forest offices, 745 Warren Road, Williamstown, SA, 5351 Parts of the defined forest areas in South Australia.
Forest Management Units visited	<i>Pinus radiata</i> plantations. Native forest reserves.
Name of each forest site visited	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cromer, Mt Crawford - T2, LRM 57609</li> <li>2. Cromer, Mt Crawford - new fencing infrastructure, event 040328</li> <li>3. Dewells, Mt Crawford - competition control</li> <li>4. Yatala, Mt Crawford - completed planting, event 230281</li> <li>5. Old Kersbrook, Mt Crawford - live planting</li> <li>6. Mt Hicks, Mt Crawford - T1, LRM 44386</li> <li>7. Kersbrook/Bennett's, Mt Crawford - arboretum recreation trail walks</li> <li>8. Ramseys/Fox Creek, Mt Crawford - bike park &amp; biodiversity planting</li> <li>9. Bells Gully, Kuitpo - clear fall, event 67380</li> <li>10. Bells Gully, Kuitpo - planting, event 230293</li> <li>11. Christmas Hill, Kuitpo - fungi survey</li> </ol> The Avenues, Kuitpo - picnic area
Sections of the Standard and Sustainability Criteria in scope of this audit / review	All.
Exclusions to the standard and/or management system	Excludes: 152 Jubilee Highway East, Mt Gambier, SA 5290
Extent of activities within the scope of certification	<p>Full range of activities for management, harvesting/ delivery and protection of native forests, plantations, and other land uses. The Defined Forest Area registration applies to the total land under ForestrySA management control in the Mount Lofty Ranges.</p> <p>Transition to AS/NZS 4708: 2021.</p> <p>Sampling and allocation of sites to the audit team, will employ an approach to cover the sustainability criteria at this transition. Auditors are allocated criteria to focus on. Field day arrangements are to be determined with ForestrySA staff, considering travel times and locations of sites.</p> <p>Global-Mark assessed the Forest Management System as applied to ecosystem services.</p>

Name of Management Representative	Denise Little
	<b>Comments on main points from audit</b>
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>The organisation</p> <p><u>Positive comments are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exceptional good process for ecosystem services placing the forest manager in an ideal position to add this to their scope of certification.</li> <li>2. Responsiveness to stakeholder concerns - Brian explained liaison call from with neighbour whose child had asthma for burn Old Kersbrook.</li> <li>3. Professionalism of workforce in both commercial and community services teams. Rangers were actively involved with site development, signifying a strong connection with the areas.</li> <li>4. Opportunistic deployment of residual/excess pine seedlings to fallow areas set aside for next year.</li> </ol> <p><u>Improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note that contractor self-assessment of tree damage is a work in progress.</li> <li>2. Addressing instances where contractors need to improve sustainable forest management practices.</li> </ol>
Defined Forest Area	<b>Comments on Defined Forest Area and scope of certification</b>
Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units]	Commercial plantation, mostly <i>Pinus radiata</i> , plus native forest vegetation as Reserves.
Brief description of the geographic locality of Defined Forest Area	In the Mount Lofty Ranges [Adelaide Hills and Second Valley] and Green Triangle
Area of the Defined Forest Area as advised to the Scheme Owner	The figure reported to Responsible Wood is 32,291 hectares as at 07/12/2022.
Source for details of the Defined Forest Area (maps etc.), audit Summary Reports	Please visit <a href="https://www.forestrysa.com.au">https://www.forestrysa.com.au</a>
Describe any applicable qualifications for scale and intensity	Plantation silviculture is high intensity, using machinery, chemicals, and as required helicopter aerial application of pesticides. The scale is moderate, not large due to size of the estate.

#### 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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1	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Dr W. Tibbits	Revised release for passing on to Program Manager to use for accreditation to AS/NZS 4708: 2021.
2	30/7/23	Emily Silberberg	Revised after JASANZ finding during transition to AS/NZS 4708: 2021.
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