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## Summary Report

### Sustainable Forest Management

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

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General	Comments
Certification standard	AS/NZS 4708: 2021
Client Name / Business name	Forestry SA
Business address of the client	Corporate HQ & Depot: 495 Brookman Road, Kuitpo, SA 5201: At Kuitpo
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members	Dr Wayne Tibbits - Audit Team Leader.
Dates of review	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024, then 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <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"/> Follow up of corrective actions sent by email
Sites visited to assess [e.g., office, depot, nursery, fire tower etc.]	Corporate HQ and Depot
Forest Management Units visited	Native vegetation areas managed under Community Service Obligations for range of ecosystem services. Commercial pine plantations.
Name of each forest site visited	<p>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 = field focus Community Services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bone Gulley - Closed mountain bike trail due to unsafe trees, hanging or on a lean. Do not expect to be open until further notice, probably for several years.</li> <li>2. Meadows Flat, Kuitpo Forest Reserve - Aboriginal people given access for traditional uses to cut bark from trees for canoe yuki, for shields and coolamon. Endangered species, Kuitpo Sun Orchid or Blue Top Orchid planted inside a wire cage fence to protect from browsing.</li> <li>3. Ingalalla waterfall - recreation area with walk trail, toilet facilities.</li> <li>4. Mount Heyfield, gate MH15 - MacHort contractor to spray gorse and broom.</li> <li>5. Middle Fence compartment 191 creek with removal of pine wildlings.</li> <li>6. Second Valley Forest Reserve Wilampa Trail 7km checkpoint W01, named Kurna Warra Karrpanthi.</li> <li>7. Mount Crawford Forest, native forest with identified and protected Kite nest. Nearby removal of wildlings.</li> </ol> <p>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 = field focus harvest and plantation operations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mount Crawford Forest, South Para, compartments 118, 119, 121, 18.76 hectares, 1996/7 <i>Pinus radiata</i> thinned plantation, source 22438, live active clearfall, contractor = Lico.</li> <li>2. Mount Crawford Forest, South Para, compartment 122, 12.93 hectares, 1958-67 <i>Pinus pinaster</i> unthinned plantation, source 23814, live active clearfall, contractor = Lico. All products extraction was complete, so just trucking out logs.</li> <li>3. Mount Crawford Forest, Scott's, compartments 125-126, 13.01 hectares, 1991 <i>Pinus radiata</i> thinned plantation, source 33347, live active forwarding of completed clearfall, contractor = Qube CF.</li> <li>4. Mount Crawford Forest, Watt's Gully, compartments 161, 163, 166, 51.69 hectares, 1982-1984 <i>Pinus radiata</i> thinned plantation, source 41923, live active clearfall, contractor = Qube CF [recently moved from Scott's].</li> <li>5. Mount Crawford Forest, Dickers, heaps from windows to burn as fallow area needed to reschedule into 2024 from 2025, as some sites prepared on SA Water land is paused, as might not replant.</li> <li>6. Kuitpo Forest, Christmas Hills', live active skidder doing chopper</li> </ol>

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	<p>rolling by FSA staff.</p> <p>7. Kuitpo Forest, Bells Gully, Inactive last year's planting.</p> <p>8. Kuitpo Forest, Bells Gully, pine plantation, Event 210239, contractor = Danny V Tong Land Prep. Windrow and spot cultivation, 14.1 hectares, location 869 east north 962.</p>
Sections of the Standard and Sustainability Criteria in scope of this audit / review	Use of the Responsible Wood logo and PEFC trademarks.
Exclusions to the standard and/or management system	Section 5 Leadership and Section 10 Improvement were not in the audit plan to assess.
Extent of activities within the scope of certification	Processes involved in the management and protection of native forests, plantations, other land use activities, and provision of ecosystem services such as conservation and recreation. It also covers the harvesting and delivery of forest products by ForestrySA to their customers.
Name of Management Representative	Denise Little
	<b>Comments on main points from audit</b>
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>A notification form of Responsible Wood was completed online.</p> <p>The certified sustainable forest management system remains well maintained, with the following positive comments about its performance.</p> <p><u>Positive comments are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clear sustainably managed focus on a range of ecosystem services, including conservation of biodiversity, forest recreation, and enabling Indigenous peoples to use forests.</li> <li>○ Responsiveness to changed circumstances of available land for the planting season, resulting in extra fallow land being brought forward for current planting season.</li> <li>○ Fine outcome in terms of protection from fires in the most recently completed season.</li> <li>○ Managing quite a geographic spread of forests from Fleurieu Peninsula to Adelaide Hills.</li> </ul> <p><u>Identified improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attention to monitoring and checks to validate that contractors of the forest manager have sufficient health and safety management controls, particularly in the matter of first aid kits that conform to codes of practice.</li> <li>○ Use of risk assessment decision making with respect to promptly rehabilitate temporary tracks and ensuring their drainage.</li> <li>○ More thorough demonstration of the application of the precautionary approach to develop and implement effective strategies to maintain, or enhance SBVs, including the control of potential adverse impacts in its operational plans adjoining Native Forest Reserves.</li> </ul> <p>At the end of the audit there remained one matter of minor nonconformance identified by Global-Mark, who requested a corrective action plan from ForestrySA. This was provided by the organisation and assessed by the Audit Team Leader. Global-Mark concludes that it is not a barrier to recommending ongoing certification, and keeps the finding open to reassess effectiveness of both corrective and preventative actions at its 2025 audit.</p>

General	Comments
	We believe that the organization listed above at the sites listed above has the capability to systematically meet the requirements of the standard (listed above), and for the activities/products listed on the Global-Mark scope of certification.
Defined Forest Area	Comments on Defined Forest Area and scope of certification
Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units]	Native vegetation dominated by forest, and plantations largely of exotic <i>Pinus</i> species.
Brief description of the geographic locality of Defined Forest Area	These are located in the Mount Lofty Ranges and in the Green Triangle.
Area of the Defined Forest Area as advised to the Scheme Owner	There is a grand total of 32,319 hectares of which 19,546 hectares is located in the Mount Lofty Ranges and 12,773 hectares in the Green Triangle. Their website notes: "The Mount Lofty Ranges forest area above does not include 744ha of standing commercial plantation, which is located on SA Water Land."
Source for details of the Defined Forest Area (maps etc.), audit Summary Reports	At its website, <a href="https://www.forestrysa.com.au/forest-management/">https://www.forestrysa.com.au/forest-management/</a> , the forest manager makes this available as you go down its page. Figures and maps of the defined forest area.
Describe any applicable qualifications for scale and intensity	Medium scale plantation estate, with intensive silviculture and harvest activities.

#### 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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