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# Global-Mark Pty Ltd

## Summary Report

### Sustainable Forest Management

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Certification standard	AS 4708:2013
Client Name / Business name	SFM Forest Products Pty Ltd
Business address of the client	SFM Pty Ltd.'s main office: 70 Hampden Road, Battery Point, TAS, 7004
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Dr. Wayne Tibbits
Dates of review:	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020.
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Forest brokering and management of predominantly plantation resources in Green Triangle and Tasmania.
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	Hydrowood lake salvage, Battery Point [Hobart] office and plantation coupes in southern Tasmania.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>This post-certification surveillance review over three days focused on three of the nine criteria that area related to cultural and social/economic values as well as the management aspects of the FMS, including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, management review and stakeholder consultation processes. It included site visits assessing forest operations/conditions that spanned the equivalent of two full days in the field that was two thirds of the audit duration. See the table above with details on these sites.</p> <p>Stakeholder feedback: This audit was not required to include any attempted consultation with a sample of stakeholders.</p> <p>During this audit we closed all 10 previous findings [nine observations and one minor non-conformance] and raised four new findings [one as minor non-conformance and others as observation]. The one minor non-conformance finding was closed during the audit. In the week subsequent to the close of the audit, the client presented a corrective action plan for the minor non-conformance matters, in which the forest manager identified the root causes of the non-conformance matters, enabling Global-Mark to conclude that the forest manager has identified the root causes of the non-conformance matters that provides action to prevent recurrence.</p> <p>We believe that the organization listed above at the site(s) listed above has the capability to systematically meet the requirements of the Australian Forestry Standard and for the activities/products and sites listed on the Global-Mark scope of certification.</p> <p>Positive implementation and effectiveness of the client's forest management system includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The organisation is quite small in terms of numbers of employees, yet allocates human resources to support the system through their Systems Coordinator and use of external consultant for internal audits.</li> <li>2. The forest manager contributes to support relevant research activities by both in-kind and/or cash contribution for the 20 or so projects with research leading bodies such as Universities and the Forest Products Association. There is a broad range of projects, covering resource characterization, biodiversity, utilisation, safety and forest health.</li> <li>3. The organisation has been, so to speak, at the forefront in some utilisation efforts, such as salvage after bushfire and lake inundation.</li> </ol> <p>In terms of areas for potential improvement we note that the client's forest management system could better:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Integrate the Hydrowood Lake Pieman salvage narrative into its Forest Management Plan.</li> <li>2. Checking important records such as RCIT and management review for correct information.</li> </ol>



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<b>Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]</b>	<p>Two main areas are Green Triangle with <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> plantation FMU, and Tasmania with native forest, plantation hardwood and plantation softwood.</p> <p>Forest sites visited were a sub-sample of FMUs. The Global-Mark post certification plan could not be fully followed, as there were no active pine operations. The only operations to sample in south and west were Hydrowood and eucalypt plantations. A revised post certification plan was issued as a result of this audit.</p>
<b>Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed</b>	From the client's website or from Responsible Wood.
<b>The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner</b>	The most recent DFA quarterly update, 31 Dec 19 shows that the coupes that have been in the longest are those in PTP [Portland Tree Plantations], entering 1 Jan 12. This register shows coupe name, landowner, location, FMU, when it entered DFA, area commercial, area of reserves, easting and northing. The 31 Dec 19 figure = 6,625 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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