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## 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: 45 High Street, New Norfolk 7140. This is a new site and consequently, the first time audited.
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Jonathan Tibbits [remotely] & Dr. Wayne Tibbits [audit team leader]
Dates of review:	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Scheduled post-certification surveillance. First audit with new office site. Incorporation of new set of forest sites known as the Lenah Estate.
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	Scheduled post-certification surveillance. First audit with new office site. Incorporation of new set of forest sites known as the Lenah Estate.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>This post-certification review over four days focused on a subset of criteria related to stakeholder consultation, biodiversity, and soil/water resources as well as the management aspects of the FMS, including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, and management review processes. It included site visits assessing forest operations/conditions that spanned two and one half days in the field that was 50% of the audit duration of five auditor days.</p> <p>Lenah Estate Asset Pty Ltd that is managed by SFM, where New Forests owns the Lenah estate.</p> <p>There is only one domestic customer, Norske Skog. If they wish to export logs then they liaise with SFM who can deliver loads to the port rather than to the mill.</p> <p>There are only two harvest contractors [Muskett and Perotti], one cartage contractor [Muskett] and one road contractor [MSD].</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 three previous findings [all were observations] and raised four new findings [one as minor non-conformance and others as observations]. The client has commenced corrective action for 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 matter, in which the forest manager's system will identify the root causes of the non-conformance matter. Global-Mark will follow this up at the next scheduled audit in order to assess 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intent is to inventory the whole estate over next several years to have more confident estimates of sustainable supply.</li> <li>2. Moved to paperless log docket system, LOGR, commencing during July 2020.</li> <li>3. The organisation has transitioned to an electronic system of recording transport of forest products, LOGR. Some of its capabilities were demonstrated, including Metadata's ability to include a site in the DFA with the formal 100% AFS certified claim and "geofence" to ensure data captured on site. We also noted that the recording of routes taken by time enabled the organisation to respond to Huon Valley Council about a formal noise complaint. There reply 7-Aug-2020 along with route map evidence was sighted. Data from LOGR are exported</li> </ol>



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	<p>[TIATS] and used to verify, check and correct where necessary transactions. LOGR also has the ability for the driver to make a declaration with respect to chain of responsibility. It also allows customers to access the system and assists them to identify loads delivered and those on route. Steve, a truck driver for Musketts, has appreciated and likes the new system LOGR.</p> <p>4. The harvest contractor, Musketts, have been proactive in using emerging technologies to assist protection of forest values, such as use of their own drone to get visual of coupe before commencing work, using pin drop feature on NorMap to communicate between operator and foresters about specific site points to discuss, and a six-wheel drive skidder had been used on a heavily slashed track to extract the wood in order to lessen impact on soils.</p> <p>In terms of areas for potential improvement we note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attention to detail for all cultural, economic, environmental and social values that may be impacted by transition of responsibility and authority to SFM in the Lenah Estate from the former owner &amp; forest Manager.</li> <li>2. Addressing hazards associated with alighting from machinery.</li> </ol>
<b>Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]</b>	Two main areas are Victoria's part of Green Triangle with <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> plantation FMU, and Tasmania with native forest, plantation hardwood and plantation softwood. This audit is the first since the Lenah Estate, Tasmania, was added. Their system has incorporated this in the same manner as it handles the PTP and private properties estates.
<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>	Total is 31,923 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.

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- This summary report does not and should not be seen as advice. Please consult a qualified advisor or consultant for advice.
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