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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.
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Dr. Phil Crosby [remotely] & Dr. Wayne Tibbits [audit team leader]
Dates of review:	Monday 11 th and Tuesday 12 th October 2021
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Forest management activities including management systems at office and forest-based operations.
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. Audit at office site and forest sites known as the Lenah Estate and others that are privately owned. Not possible to include Portland Tree-farm Project due to travel restrictions around Mount Gambier and into Victoria. Hence, this scheduled area was excluded.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>This post-certification review over two days focused on a subset of criteria related to, forest productivity, forest health, carbon as well as a sub-set of stakeholder consultation and management aspects of the FMS, including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, and management review processes. It included site visits, either remotely or physically on site, assessing forest operations/conditions that spanned two days in the field that was 50% of the audit duration of two auditor days.</p> <p>One Forest Management Unit is the Lenah Estate Asset Pty Ltd that is managed by SFM, where New Forests owns the Lenah Estate. A small part of the defined forest area is another Forest Management Unit that includes private property native or plantation forest in Tasmania. There are two other Forest Management Units, the Hydrowood [Lake Pieman salvage] and Portland Tree-farm Project. Only the first two Forest Management Units were in the scope of this audit.</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 four previous findings [one as a minor non-conformance and three were observations] and raised three new findings [all as observations], closing one during the audit.</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"> 1. SFM is a financial contributor to the Tyenna River Overall Recovery Plan. 2. Harvest contracts in the Lenah Estate were renewed with both contractors, Muskett and Perotti, both of which have a long historic role in the harvest of this estate, under previous forest ownerships. 3. SFM has a person assigned as Fire & Tree Crop Coordinator. <p>More perceived work on effectiveness of the client's forest management system includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Checking that equipment that contractors have for fires and safety is not only on site, but regularly checked and maintained in a fit and proper condition [refer to audit findings as observations № 130-131].



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Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]	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.
Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed	From the client's website or from Responsible Wood.
The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner	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.

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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