

Responsible Wood® Forest Management System Summary Report

Timberlands Pacific Pty Ltd
Certificate # SCS-RW-004

Surveillance audit

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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

Organization name	Timberlands Pacific Pty Ltd (TPPL)		
Contact person	Emma-Kate Griffiths		
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1.2 AFS/ PEFC Sales Information

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFS/ PEFC Sales contact information same as above.			
AFS/ PEFC salesperson			
Address		Telephone	
		Fax	
		e-mail	
		Website	

1.3 Scope of Certificate

Any changes in the scope of the certification since the previous audit are highlighted in **yellow** in the tables below.

Certificate Code	SCS-RW-004	
Certification Statement	The scope of the certificate includes all activities associated with the Organization's sustainable forest management system with the Defined Forest Area(s) (DFA), including the harvest, transport, and sale or trade of forest products. The Organization has sufficient control over any contracting or outsourcing of forest management planning and activities to ensure conformance to applicable certification requirements.	
Certificate Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sites
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group	
# Sites and/or Group Members (if applicable)	NA	
Total DFA hectares in certificate	101,384	
Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited	Area (ha):	101,384
	Area (ha):	
	<i>Add rows as needed</i>	

	Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by the Organization on its website tppl.com.au or upon request via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report.			
Applicable Standards/ Guidance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS4708-2013 (Australian Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> AS4708 GN02-2013 (Guidance for the certification of group forest management)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If combined, joint, or integrated with another forest certification scheme, list scheme and describe use here: This is a combined audit with the FSC surveillance audit (FSC-STD-AUS-01-2018 EN FINAL)			
Type of Audit	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation/ re-evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd annual surveillance audit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 rd annual surveillance audit
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special audit (<i>explain</i>): This is a remote audit due to COVID 19 restrictions			
Forest Management Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantation		<input type="checkbox"/> Natural/ semi-natural	
Forest Product Type(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roundwood		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chips	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-timber Forest Products		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>describe</i>):	
Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))	<i>Pinus radiata</i> (Radiata Pine), <i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i> , (Tasmanian Oak) <i>Eucalyptus regnans</i> , (Ribbon Gum) <i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i> (White Gum) <i>Eucalyptus amygdalina</i> (Black Peppermint) <i>Eucalyptus ovata</i> , (White gum) <i>Eucalyptus sieberi</i> , (Iron Bark) <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (Blue Gum) <i>Acacia delbata</i> (Silver Wattle) <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i> (Shining Gum) <i>Pinus brutia</i> (Turkish Pine), <i>Pinus pinaster</i> <i>Pinus attenuata</i> (knobcone pine) <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> (Douglas Fir) <i>Acacia melanoxylon</i> (Blackwood)			
Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence	<p>The auditor confirmed that TPPL has a management system capable of supporting sustained conformance with the standard. It also has comprehensive documented policies and procedures, strongly data driven decision making processes and contemporary technology operating across most criterion.</p> <p>Also noting that annual internal auditing, management review as well as objective and target setting processes are embedded within the operating culture. TPPL has continued to streamline</p>			

	documentation in order to improve operational effectiveness. It has made significant progress on this project in 2020/21. The SCRIM system and dashboard reporting is effectively used to manage non-conformities, incidents and corrective actions and drive improved performance. Two minor NCRs and one observation were issued as a result of this audit.	
RW Logos/labels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logo checked and conformant (no non-conformities issued) <input type="checkbox"/> Logo checked, and Nonconformities issued	
Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is recommended, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to response any findings issued.	<input type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is not recommended <i>(explain):</i>

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities Summary

Date of Audit	13 -17 September 2021
Auditor(s)	Graeme Lea and Kimberly Robertson
Objective and Scope of the Audit	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check to confirm audit objectives described below were met</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determination of the conformity of the organization's forest management system with audit criteria. • Evaluation of the ability of the forest management system to ensure the organization meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements. • Evaluation of the effectiveness of the forest management system to ensure the organization is continually meeting its specified objectives. • As applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the forest management system (OFIs). • Visits to a sample of operational sites representing a range of forest management activities in the two regional Forests Management Units including supporting infrastructure <p>The Responsible Wood audit was conducted over 4.5 days, with opening and closing meetings open to personnel from both regional offices. The audit focus was primarily on the Taswood FMU, involving personnel, contractor and stakeholder interviews and documentation review relevant to this region. The Launceston Office was involved where they have primary responsibility for functions relevant to the audit criteria.</p> <p>NOTE: Special consideration sites within Tasmania (and South Australia, if required will be visited remotely)</p>

	<p>The Responsible wood audit site selections were carried out based on the ADC requirements, and a list of active operations scheduled to occur at listed locations at approximately the same time as the audit. Inactive operation were also observed during the scheduled visits. As stated below the sites have been conducted either as “live” streamed visits conducted by TPPL staff and viewed in real time by the auditor, or as prerecorded visits completed by TPPL staff on the 2 working days prior to the audit commencement.</p> <p>The site list below includes the operation name, number and operation type. There are no stores, fire store or other infrastructure in the Taswood FMU.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longhill 814120015T1 – Thinning – This visit will be reviewed as a “live” visit and viewed by the auditors online. • Castra 806124C – harvest conventional, and 806124C land preparation as well as HCV - This visit will also be reviewed as a “live” visit • Payanna 821137031 – Clearfell conventional – prerecorded visit • Lisle 815135D – cable harvesting - prerecorded visit • Beulah 805136C and Beulah 805131A – clearfell conventional – prerecorded visits • Beulah HCV site – prerecorded visit • Virginstow HCV site – prerecorded visit • Stream rehabilitation for GF Crayfish habitat visits as available during prerecorded and “live” visits • Inspect infrastructure - roading/bridges as available during prerecorded and “live” visits
Criteria	General Requirements (Defined Forest Area 0.1 and Chain of Custody 0.2) as well as Criteria 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8.
Site Notes	See Appendix 2, <i>Detailed Audit Itinerary and Site Notes</i> .
Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable:	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If this is a remote audit due to Covid-19, check here and describe ICT below.</p> <p>MS Teams were used throughout the audit process for interviews and documentation reviews as well as for Opening and Closing meetings as preferred by the client who reserved these meetings and sent access links to the Auditors.</p> <p>Stakeholder interviews were conducted by mobile phone or MS Teams if available. Documents shared during the audit were done using an online sharefile system.</p>
Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the	TPPL have continued to implement a variety of improvements which have been seen to have a positive effect on the forest management system during the audit period. TPPL reported that they continue to integrate management systems and processes between the Penola and Taswood estates.

<p>Forest Management System:</p>	<p>Significant work has continued under the Business Improvement Project to consolidate processes, procedures and manuals.</p> <p>Tools and technical papers have been developed to improve integration of data, research and innovation into strategic and operational decision making, and a new research committee has been established to further this approach.</p> <p>TPPL has successfully introduced electronic docketing and continues to utilize product optimization technology to good effect.</p> <p>Improvement has continued in reducing worker injuries and truck overloads, with the TPPL safety culture remaining a significant focus. An innovative LIDAR based approach to wilding control has been established and is to be implemented in FY22/23.</p> <p>Minor non-conformities identified as part of this assessment relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3.8.4 - Wilding control progress ▪ 9.5.1b – Facilitating improvements in workplace health and safety <p>An observation was also issued in relation to: 5.6.2 - Internal chemical usage documentation</p>
<p>Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:</p>	<p>COVID 19 significantly affected how TPPL operated in 2020/21 resulting in this remote audit, with staff having flexible working arrangements, export markets impacted by external influences, operational plans needing adjustment and travel across borders subject to permits.</p> <p>As reported in the 2020 report almost 2000ha of Tasmanian resource was impacted by the Fingal / Mangana fires, requiring salvage and rehabilitation prior to re-establishment. 182ha was replanted in 2020 and native species were oversown on 54ha of stream reserves. This work continues at the time of the 2021 audit.</p> <p>Monitoring sites were established on stream reserves and in burnt sown eucalypt plantations to measure recovery post-fire. Replanting has been scheduled over three years due to the large area of standing dead pines requiring clearing prior to planting. Some mixed pine / eucalypt stands will be reverted to sown eucalypt plantations. The fire will have a significant impact on resource availability in the 2030s and work is underway to determine how to best address this.</p>
<p>Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:</p>	<p>Five minor non-conformances were identified in the 2020 audit report with effective corrective actions verified during the 2021 audit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised GIS Data Systems Manual “Managing non forest attributes” now includes the Casterton Depot and Penola Park Fire Base both as data points and GIS polygons, and that the non-forest database is new since the last audit. The ADC has also been updated to show 3 depots, Penola North, Casterton and Nangwarry. • Review of Management Prescriptions and Buffer Guidelines for The Penola Plantations includes mechanical exclusion zones and chemical exclusions zones for GT. The management actions for red

	<p>Tailed Black Cockatoo are now included in a Special Values Field Guide and is a standard management practice across the Penola estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amended SCRIM Worker Information Tab was reviewed and confirmed to identify interested and affected stakeholders at an individual level. • Roading and Quarry Management Manual finalized. Included is a definition around structures and periodic monitoring programme by an independent inspector (OzSpan Pty Ltd) and every 3 years there is an inspection off all bridges and road structures. • Schedule 5 of the General Services Contract now specifically states the uses that depots and bases can be used for – this includes mixing of chemicals is not allowed. A monthly worksite inspection is carried out on all worksites – and includes fires bases in the fire season, monthly at Nangwarry and Penola Park. The FOP spray plan includes a direction not to store chemicals at depots, contractors then sign off on these.
<p>Unresolved issues (if identified):</p>	<p>Nil</p>