

# Responsible Wood® Forest Management System Summary Report

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*Timberlands Pacific Pty Ltd*

*Certificate # SCS-RW-004*

Recertification audit

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## SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

### 1. General Information

#### 1.1 Name and Contact Information

<b>Organization name</b>	Timberlands Pacific Pty Ltd (TPPL)		
<b>Contact person</b>	Emma-Kate Griffiths		
<b>Address</b>	113-115 Cimitiere Street, Launceston, 7250	<b>Telephone</b>	+61 8 8724 2000
		<b>Fax</b>	
		<b>e-mail</b>	emma- kate.griffiths@tppl.com.au
		<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.tppl.com.au">www.tppl.com.au</a>

#### 1.2 AFS/ PEFC Sales Information

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

#### 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.

<b>Certificate Code</b>	SCS-RW-004		
<b>Certification Statement</b>	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.		
<b>Certificate Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sites	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group		
<b># Sites and/or Group Members (if applicable)</b>			
<b>Total DFA hectares in certificate</b>	101,366		
<b>Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited</b>	Area (ha):	54,417 (Taswood)	
	Area (ha):	46,949 (Penola Plantations)	
		<i>Add rows as needed</i>	

	Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by the Organization on its website <a href="http://www.tppl.com.au">www.tppl.com.au</a> or upon request via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report.			
<b>Applicable Standards/ Guidance</b>	<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			
<b>Type of Audit</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation/ re-evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <sup>st</sup> annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual surveillance audit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Special audit ( <i>explain</i> ):			
<b>Forest Management Type</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantation		<input type="checkbox"/> Natural/ semi-natural	
<b>Forest Product Type(s)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roundwood		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chips	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-timber Forest Products		<input type="checkbox"/> Other ( <i>describe</i> ):	
<b>Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))</b>	<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)			
<b>Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence</b>	<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 completed a project reviewing all company documentation in order to improve</p>			

	<p>operational effectiveness. The SCRIM system and dashboard reporting is effectively used to manage non-conformities, incidents and corrective actions and diver improved performance. Four (4) minor NCRs, two (2) OFI's and one (1) Upgraded Major CAR were issued as a result of this audit.</p>	
<p><b>RW Logos/labels</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logo checked and conformant (no non-conformities issued)  <input type="checkbox"/> Logo checked, and Nonconformities issued</p>	
<p><b>Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is recommended, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to response any findings issued.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is not recommended (<i>explain</i>):                  NOTE: One upgraded MAJOR nonconformance has been issued at the recertification audit that requires closing prior to recertification</p>

## 2. Audit Dates and Activities

### 2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities Summary

<b>Date of Audit</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Auditor(s)</b>	Graeme Lea and Tuesday Phelan
<b>Objective and Scope of the Audit</b>	<p>The Responsible Wood audit will be conducted over 5 days, with opening and closing meetings open to personnel from both regional offices. The audit will occur across both the Taswood and Penola FMUs, involving personnel, contractor and stakeholder interviews and documentation review relevant to this region. The Regional Offices will be involved where they have primary responsibility for functions relevant to the audit criteria.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Immediately prior to the recertification audit commencing, that due to personal health issues the Responsible Wood Lead Auditor was unable to travel to the Green Triangle, South Australia as planned. Consequently, the audit was changed to a hybrid audit with the FSC Lead Auditor and observer being on site in Tasmania and visiting the Taswood Estate, while the Green Triangle was audited 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. At least one inactive operation site will also be seen during the scheduled visits. No significant stakeholder issues were identified prior to the audit.</p> <p>As stated below the site visits have been conducted either as “live” streamed visits managed with the help of 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>Note: Due to poor or little mobile reception in remote parts of the Penola Plantations most visits were prerecorded and viewed by the auditor. Stakeholder calls made via telephone</p> <p>Regional office(s) Mount Gambier and Launceston, Tasmania for Opening and Closing meetings, staff interviews and documentation review.</p> <p><b>Penola Plantations sites visited:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nangwarry Central Plantation – Land preparation - prerecorded visit</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kaladbro Plantation – (land preparation) Controlled heap burning – prerecorded visit</li> <li>• Werrikoo Plantation (Pre plant spraying) – prerecorded visit</li> <li>• Beachport Plantation (second thinning) – prerecorded visit</li> <li>• Knights Plantation (Clear fell harvesting) – prerecorded visit</li> <li>• Nangwarry Central Plantation (Clear fell harvesting) – prerecorded visit</li> <li>• Werrikoo Plantation HCV area (Cool burn with Indigenous landowner involvement) – prerecorded visit</li> <li>• Nangwarry (Fire Depot) Live MS Teams visit</li> <li>• Penola Plantation - Roading and infrastructure inspection</li> </ul> <p><b>Taswood Estate sites visited</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisle Forest Clearfall harvesting coupe 815135D completion phase (cable operation)</li> <li>• Lisle Forest Clearfall harvesting coupe 81532006 active shovel operation</li> <li>• Springfield Forest Clearfall harvesting coupe 828173001CG active conventional operation</li> <li>• Derby -Mountain bike stakeholder consultation</li> <li>• Smiths Plains Forest active production thinning coupe 830110M</li> <li>• Beulah Forest active clearfall coupe 805134C</li> <li>• Beulah Forest HCV 705</li> <li>• Virginstow Forest active infill planting operation at coupe 834040003</li> <li>• Virginstow Forest active early clearfall coupe 834041003EA</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria</b>	0.1 (DFA) and 0.2 (COC) as well as all criteria 1 to 9
<b>Detailed Site Notes</b>	Detailed itinerary and site notes are in Appendix 2, <i>Detailed Audit Itinerary and Site Notes</i> .

<b>Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> If this is a remote audit due to Covid-19, check here and describe ICT below. <p>Immediately prior to the recertification audit commencing that due to personal health issues the Responsible Wood lead Auditor was unable to travel to the Green Triangle. Consequently, the audit was changed to a hybrid audit with the FSC Lead Auditor and observer being on site in Tasmania and visiting the Taswood Estate with the Green triangle audited remotely.</p>
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	<p>The Responsible Wood Lead Auditor carried out the role in the Green Triangle (South Australia) remotely using MS Teams 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>
<p><b>Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:</b></p>	<p>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 strive to integrate management systems and processes between the Penola and Taswood estates.</p> <p>TPPL have completed the project 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 the research committee has continued to further this approach.</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>Four (4) minor nonconformities, one (1) upgraded Major nonconformity and two (2) OFI's identified during this recertification relate to the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.3.1 – stakeholder engagement</li> <li>3.4.2 – Prescriptions to protect hardwood windrows used as special values habitat</li> <li>5.1.1 – Windthrow events impacting HCV areas</li> <li>6.2.1 - Culvert management</li> <li>8.1 – Reconciliation Action Plan</li> <li>9.5 – Incident and monitoring protocols</li> <li>9.5 – First aid kits 9 (Upgraded Major CAR)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:</b></p>	<p>COVID 19 continued to affect how TPPL operated in 2021/22 with staff having flexible working arrangements, export markets impacted by external influences, operational plans needing adjustment and travel across borders subject to permits.</p>



<b>Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:</b>	<p>Two minor nonconformances issued in the 2021 surveillance audit were reviewed as part of this recertification audit with effective actions observed for one during the 2022 recertification process. However, one minor nonconformance issued at the 2021 surveillance audit (2021.3) has been raised to an Upgraded Major Car at the 2022 recertification audit and remains open.</p>
<b>Unresolved issues (if identified):</b>	<p>First aid kits were not immediately available to operators at one location visited during the audit. Interviews and inspection of first aid kits at harvesting operations at Smiths Plains and Beulah and Cascade land preparation confirmed these are located in vehicles rather than the plant being operated. At the Smiths Plains site, the operators confirmed they operate up to 500m from the landing and can be remote from where other operators are working. This is not consistent with the requirement to be immediately available. The CAR (2021.3) raising the same matter in 2022 remains open and revised to Upgraded Major NCR (2022.7).</p>

