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Summary Report

Sustainable Forest Management



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	Comments
Certification standard	AS 4708-2013
Client Name / Business name	Reliance Forest Fibre Pty Ltd
Business address of the client	Office of estate manager, AKS Forest Management Services Pty Ltd at 1/167 Westbury Road, Prospect, TAS 7250.
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Wayne Tibbits
Dates of review:	Monday 24 th August 2020
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Ownership and management of predominantly <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i> plantations for pulpwood.
Type of review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 pre-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2 certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance post certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Re-certification; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Follow up or special audit
Scope of the audit / review including sites visited	System capacity to include Celestial Estate as freehold, acquired late 2019. Conducted at the office of operational property manager.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>This one-person special scope expansion review over one day is the second audit after initial certification in June 2019. It focused on only those criteria of obvious relevance where there is an expansion of a large additional Defined Area. These criteria were stakeholder consultation, forest productive capacity, forest ecosystem health, and carbon as well as the management aspects of the Forest Management System, including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, and management review processes.</p> <p>This audit included no specific consultation with a sample any stakeholders. It did not include site visits assessing forest operations/conditions on the basis that this could be done three months hence, in line with the next scheduled audit and bearing in mind that currently there was a massive market downturn for forest products, resulting in fewer forest operations and activities to sample from.</p> <p>There were no major nonconformance matters identified during this audit. There were four minor nonconformance matters. This is not a barrier to recommending an expansion of scope. The client has provided corrective action plans, either verbally or electronically. These nonconformance matters will be followed up by Global-Mark, along with the 11 audit observations, at the surveillance audit scheduled for later in 2020.</p> <p>This audit concludes that Global-Mark will permit Reliance Forest Fibre to bring in the Celestial Estate to their scope of certification as follows. The Celestial Estate will be treated as a new set of sites in the DFA at the audit scheduled for November 2020. This means that a sample will be drawn from this separate group to the previous estate, and this will impact audit duration. Accordingly, we will have issued a new Post Certification Plan as one of the output documents from this on-site system and document review. After the November 2020 audit, the existing estate and the Celestial Estate will be combined for future sampling as one combined estate, stratified on basis of Forest Management Units.</p>
Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]	Principally <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i> [Shining Gum] plantations. Some plantations of other <i>Eucalyptus</i> species. Very small component of native forest not for wood production.
Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed	These are available form the website of Reliance Forest Fibre Pty Ltd.
The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner	Geographic spread across all regions of Tasmania. Total area 66,089 hectares. Forestry Right on Sustainable Timber Tasmania land = 29, 558 hectares. Freehold Celestial Estate, largely <i>E.nitens</i> = 36,531.



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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