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Summary Report

Sustainable Forest Management



**Responsible
Wood** RW/1-44-2

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Certification standard	AS 4708:2013
Client Name / Business name	Reliance Forest Fibre Pty Ltd
Business address of the client	Level 2, 14 Willis Street, Launceston 7250
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Jonathan Tibbits, Dr. Phil Crosby, Dr. Wayne Tibbits [audit team leader]
Dates of review:	Tuesday 5 th October - opening meeting, visit to Launceston office], and remote assessment of field sites [Phil]. Wednesday 6 th October - on-site assessment of field sites [Wayne]. Thursday 7 th October - remote assessment of system [Jonathan]. Friday 8 th October - remote assessment of system [Jonathan] and remote assessment of field sites [Phil]. Remote closing meeting.
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Intensive plantation silviculture of short-rotation <i>Eucalyptus</i> grown primarily for pulpwood to feed the mill of the client.
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	Forest management operations with largely plantation forest management units in Tasmanian locations within the defined forest area managed by a mixture of staff of Reliance Forest Fibre Pty Ltd and AKS Forest Management Services Pty Ltd. AKS Forest Management Services Pty Ltd office at 167 Westbury Road, Prospect, TAS, 7250 - Contracted for harvest and some silviculture. Reliance Forest Fibre Pty Ltd, level 2, 14 Willis Street, Launceston 7250. There were 11 forest sites assessed during this audit. Eight were by remote ICT technology means and three were on-site visits.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	This post-certification review during one full week focused on a subset of criteria related to forest productive capacity, forest health, carbon, as well as the management aspects of the FMS, including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, management review processes, stakeholder consultation, and health & safety. It included assessment of forest operations/conditions done either remotely or by on-site visits that spanned three full days. Two members of the team did their work remotely, as a result of interstate travel with COVID-19 restrictions placed on the audit team. The three new findings at this audit, all were of the 'Finding Category' - Observation. No breaches in regulatory requirements are noted. However, the organisation did self-report to the FPA an issue relating a machine entering an exclusion zone on HP018E. Corrective action was provided and the Forest Practices Authority required no further action be taken by the organisation. Positive implementation and effectiveness of the client's forest management system includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Property manager, AKS, has employees well-endowed with competencies to implement AS 4708. 2. Assisting Mountain Huts preservation Society in restoration of Old Roadside Hut at Liena. 3. Utilisation of regrowth wattle amongst plantation trees at coupe NT036A.



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	<p>4. Contractors operate worksites to high standards of safety and sustainable stewardship of forests.</p> <p>In terms of areas for potential improvement we note:</p> <p>1. Greater use of emerging technologies for system management and capture of data in the field.</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>
Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]	Largely plantation, <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i> . Native forest managed for conservation.
Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed	From the websites of Reliance or Responsible Wood.
The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner	Total Estate Area: 67,653ha. DFA is broken down by Ownership and Species. <i>E.nitens</i> is the predominant species, followed by <i>E.globulus</i> .

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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