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Summary Report

Sustainable Forest Management



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1 Audit details

1.1 Client Name

SFM Agribusiness Pty Ltd, and SFM Forest Products Pty Ltd.

1.2 Business address of the client

Principal office site at 199 Macquarie Street, Hobart

1.3 Names of review team members and audit team leader

Phil Crosby (Supervising Audit Team Leader); Emily Silberberg (Supervisee Audit Team Leader); Dr Wayne Tibbits (Auditor).

1.4 Dates of review

Tuesday 1st April 2025 - 4th April 2025

1.5 Purpose and the scope of this audit

1.5.1 Type of review

Stage 2 certification Surveillance post certification; Re-certification; Follow up/ special or transition
 Remote MD4 - [Justification not needed as not done]

1.5.2 Forest sites visited to assess

These PTP sites were included in the field component on Wednesday 2nd April.

1. Byaduk [formerly Byaduk-Holcombe] plantation, Timber Harvest Plan [THP] site assessment № 659, treatment units 1577-1578. 108 hectares harvest area and 29.8 hectares reserve area, coppiced *Eucalyptus globulus* plantation, live active clearcutting. Significant features included areas protected as swamp or for soil & water values, some koalas in area.
2. Agipas plantation, THP site assessment № 491, treatment unit 1549. 97 hectares harvest area, 10.4 hectares to reserve with total of 107.7 hectares [10% reserved], coppiced *Eucalyptus globulus* plantation, live active clearcutting. Significant features included relatively high numbers of koala on site.
3. Myamyn plantation. 147 hectares property area, with 117.8 hectares coppiced 2014 *Eucalyptus globulus* plantation. This was an inactive site. Significant features included areas protected for soil & water values, plus an area of erosion being considered for remedial action, and some native remnant trees conserved. One small European heritage site on edge with road, which is not formally registered and is of no historical significance.

These Lenah Estate Pty Ltd sites were included in the field component on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April 2025:

4. Coupe UX046u active clearfell harvest site of *P. radiata*. Some steep ground. Class 4 streams. No other significant features.
5. Coupe SX049p, active site however, has now completed clearfelling operations with some cleaning of landings to come. *P. radiata* plantation. No significant features.
6. Coupe UX054w 1st thinning operations. Identified SBDV / HCV onsite as endemic stand of *Eucalyptus cordata*.
7. Coupe UX060v inspected remnant vegetation area under conservation covenant. Ecological burns in April 2024.
8. Coupe MA018w active site preparation. Raking residue into heaps for burning. Class 4 streams and steep slopes. Mostly pine, however small patch of *E.nitens*.
9. Coupe MA017z inactive pine plantation planted 2013.
10. Tyenna River restoration project. 2.3 hectare as a collaborative project to restore and plant 300 seedlings/hectare of mixed local species in the 40metre buffer zone.
11. Coupe MA009y active track clearing (pruning edge trees).
12. Coupe BD042XYZ active spraying operation (now finished) using drones.

Hydrowood Pty Ltd

13. Hydrowood project. Lake Pieman Hydrowood - West Coast - site details: FPP ANM0055-01, Timber harvesting, Spp = Mixed native, Prescription= Salvage, 2062 Ha.

1.5.3 Other sites visited and assessed

SA regional office at 20 Penola Road, Mt Gambier, 5290.

Main regional office at 45 High Street, New Norfolk, TAS, 7140.

New office: 199 Macquarie Street, Hobart.

1.5.4 Sustainability Criteria in scope of this audit

All sustainability seven criteria in section 11 of the standard were assessed.

2 Global-Mark summary of main findings

Positive comments with respect to the sustainable forest management system are as follows:

1. The company clearly aspires to a high level of compliance to the Standard, and this is expressed and supported by SFM's leadership and senior management team.
2. The company is undergoing a level of change in future focus, with resultant impacts through the business in terms of resources. Nonetheless, the FMS remains sound and systematically responsive to support such changes (e.g. Safety Culture).
3. The fundamental management controls of Management Review, Internal Audit, and Corrective & Preventive Action are operating effectively as monitors and action initiators to inform top management and drive improvement.

Improvement matters with respect to the sustainable forest management system are as follows:

1. The adoption of "Employment Hero" (for onboarding and training) and "Pipe Drive" (for recording stakeholder interactions) was identified as a positive aspect as the last audit, however implementation has not progressed much further since the previous audit.
2. Record keeping of some aspects of the forest management system could be improved with respect to machinery wash down and stakeholder interactions.
3. Onboarding and training processes through Employment Hero have not been fully implemented for forest management policies and procedures.

SFM Agribusiness operates its sustainable forest management system centrally administered from southern Tasmania yet with a whole of business approach across the estates and their respective teams in Tasmania and the Green Triangle of South Australia and Victoria. Their other managed Limestone estate is not in the scope of this certificate.

This audit was the re-certification. It detected 100% conformance with the standard and only observations raised related to potential opportunities for improvement.

We believe that the organization listed above at the site(s) listed above has the capability to systematically meet the requirements of the standard (listed above), and for the activities/products listed on the Global-Mark scope of certification.

3 Details of the defined forest area

3.1 Description of forest management units and the geographic location of defined forest area

The Master defined forest area register shows *Eucalyptus globulus* hardwood plantation in Green Triangle, reserved areas with native vegetation in Victoria and Tasmania, *Pinus radiata* plantation in Tasmania, hardwood plantation in Tasmania, and Hydrowood lake salvage.

3.2 Information on where further details of the defined forest area may be accessed

At the website <https://www.sfmes.com.au/resources>.

3.3 The actual size of the defined forest area

The defined Forest Area (as at Dec 2024), is a total of 29,920.6 hectares, made up of 4467.7 Ha Private, and 25452.9 Ha Lenah. Sighted SFM's master list of properties managed and verified numbers, noting a reduction from the September figure of 30,072.7ha, a variance of 152.1ha.

4 Additional information

4.1 Any applicable qualifications for scale and intensity

Scale is broad in terms of geographic spread operations across multiple FMUs, and with activities across all seasons. Intensity is generally consistent with a stable DFA, however, management confirmed there will be a bigger establishment program coming up with additional resources required.

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.

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- 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.
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