Global-Mark Pty Ltd

Public Summary Audit Report

Sustainable Forest Management

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1. General Information

Item	Details
Client Name	SFM Agribusiness/Forest Products Pty Ltd
Individual or Group Certificate	Individual
Audit Type	☐ Initial X Surveillance ☐ Recertification ☐ Special Audit
Date(s) of Audit	Tuesday July 7th to Friday July 10th 2026
Date of Report	15/9/2026
Lead Auditor/ Audit Team Leader	Jonathan Tibbits
Audit Team Members	Nil.

2. Defined Forest Area

Item	Details
Total Area (ha)	29.851,00 hectares
Area advised to Responsible Wood	29.851,00 hectares
Description of the Defined Forest Area	
Geographic location	The Defined Forest Area comprises all properties managed by SFM in Tasmania including the Lenah Estate, Hydrowood Lake Salvage, and other private forest owners, Portland Treefarm Project in Victoria and Nippon Paper Resources Australia Pty Ltd (Green Triangle Treefarm).
Forest ownership/tenure	The Defined Forest Area comprises all properties managed by SFM.
Forest type(s)	Hardwood and softwood plantation and salvage logs.
Management objectives	Management objectives were verified through the SFM Objectives and Targets 2025-2026. Objectives address matters including biodiversity and conservation values, chemical impacts, workplace safety, impacts on neighbours, carbon storage, growing stock damage, plantation stocking and uncontrolled fire. Each objective includes targets, indicators, management actions, monitoring mechanisms, system references and checks. These objectives are reflected in the Forest Management Plan and supporting estate and property management planning.
Key environmental, social and economic characteristics	The DFA includes productive plantations with management activities involving thinning, harvesting, forest planning, silviculture and associated infrastructure. Key environmental considerations include protection of biodiversity and retained vegetation, soil and water values, forest ecosystem health and the implementation of Forest Practices Plan prescriptions. Social considerations include estate owner objectives, neighbour notifications, contractor safety, operational access and potential impacts on surrounding land uses. Economic activities include timber production and supply to local and export markets, together with emerging opportunities for plantation expansion and carbon-related projects.

3. Audit Scope, Objectives and Criteria

Item	Details
Forest management units (FMU) included	Lenah Estate field sites sampled: MA009r, MA009q, FM026027y, UX058z060y, LL012y and PL019v. Works associated with the Puzzle Bridge replacement were also inspected.
Activities covered	Forest management activities covering native forest and plantations, including establishment, silviculture and harvesting. The scope also includes the Responsible Wood Logo Use Toolkit and PEFC ST 2001, PEFC Trademark Rules - Requirements, where applicable.
Exclusions	Activities and DFA not sampled.
Audit objectives	To determine whether the certified client's forest management system continues to conform to applicable requirements and remains effectively implemented.
Applicable AS/NZS 4708 clauses assessed:	In accordance with the surveillance audit plan, Sections 5, 6, 7 and 10, together with Sustainability Criteria 11.1 to 11.7, were sampled. Sections 4, 8 and 9 were not scheduled as specific review criteria for this surveillance audit. Appendix A was not applicable, and Appendix B was not applicable.

4. Risk Assessment and Audit Duration

Risk Factor	Assessment	Duration Calculation
Inherent Client Profile risk	N/A	Note: this audit was completed prior to Global-Mark's implementation of the risk assessment and duration calculator. These calculations are managed internally by Global-Mark in accordance with the Responsible Wood Certification Scheme rules.
Environmental risk	N/A	
Social/community risk	N/A	
Management System risk	N/A	
Reduction in duration	N/A	

5. Remote Auditing (where applicable)

Item	Details
Remote auditing used?	No
Technology utilised	N/A
Audit activities undertaken remotely	N/A
Justification for remote auditing	N/A
Limitations encountered	N/A
Measures taken to ensure audit effectiveness	N/A

6. Audit Plan Summary

Item	Details
Audit dates	Tuesday July 7th to Friday July 10th 2026
Total audit duration	5 days
On-site audit time	4 days
Remote audit time	N/A
Number of audit team members	1
Auditor Qualifications and Experience	Lead Auditor

7. Stakeholder Engagement Process

Item	Details
Stakeholder groups consulted	Workers, Harvesting Contractors, Customers
Consultation methods	Face to face interviews with staff and contractors, and customer mill inspection
Number of stakeholders engaged	6 contactors, 5 customer employees, 9 staff
Significant issues raised	No issues raised

8. Sites and Activities Sampled

Activity	Sites
Forest planning	Forest Practices Plans (FPPs) and operational maps were available for the sites sampled. Planning incorporated site-specific operational, environmental and safety prescriptions. Staff and contractors demonstrated a sound understanding of applicable FPP requirements and operational objectives.
Harvesting	Active thinning operations inspected at MA009r and UX058z060y, and clearfall operations at FM026027y and PL023x. Completed clearfall inspected at MA009q. Harvesting operations were generally well managed, with appropriate signage, safety plans, inductions and environmental controls observed.
Silviculture	Thinning operations inspected at MA009r and UX058z060y. Completed clearfall at MA009q was scheduled for re-establishment as softwood plantation. Site FM026027y included prescriptions for thinning, clearfall and subsequent plantation establishment.
Environmental management	Environmental controls were generally well implemented across the sites inspected. No significant evidence of unacceptable soil disturbance, rutting, erosion, sediment movement or impacts on water protection values was identified. Site-specific biodiversity and environmental protections identified in FPPs were reported as implemented. Machinery washdown records and spill kits were also observed.
Road construction and maintenance	Replacement works at Puzzle Bridge were visited, with new bridge footings installed at the time of the audit. Infrastructure planning and road management controls were discussed with operational staff.
Fire management / burning	Completed burn LL012y was visited.
Site establishment	Site preparation, cultivation and firebreaking activities were inspected at LL012y. Re-establishment of softwood plantations was planned following clearfall at MA009q and portions of FM026027y.
Inventory/monitoring	Forest inventory and monitoring systems were reviewed with the acting Technical Manager. No permanent sample plots sites were visited
Other:	Nil.

9. Summary of Audit Results

Item	Details
Overall result	X Conformity demonstrated ☐ Nonconformities identified
Continual improvements and innovations	Positive comments with respect to the sustainable forest management

since the previous audit	system are as follows: • The forest management system is well established and effective, with clear integration of certification, legal, environmental and operational requirements into the organisation's management systems. • The organisation is supported by experienced personnel with strong technical and regional knowledge, with clear organisational roles and continued investment in people, systems and technology. • Field sites sampled were well planned and managed. Forest Practices Plans, maps, safety plans and inductions were available, contractors demonstrated a clear understanding of their responsibilities and required environmental and safety controls were implemented. • Contractor controls observed included machinery washdown records, first aid kits, spill kits and appropriate management of roads, soils and water, including buffers and exclusion zones where required by plans. • Positive stakeholder feedback was received from customer representative regarding product volumes and quantities supplied and the organisation's responsiveness to feedback and concerns.
Provide a statement regarding compliance with applicable legislation.	•The forest management system is well established and effective, with clear integration of requirements into the organisation's management systems. Compliance obligations are supported by legislative registers for relevant jurisdictions, together with an SAI Global subscription providing legislative update notifications. The Commonwealth Legal Register sampled includes amendments, relevance and business impacts. Industry participation, including involvement in the EPBC working group through AFPA, provides an additional mechanism for monitoring emerging obligations.
Summary of any enforcement actions (subject to legal confidentiality) and subsequent improvements	Nil
Provide a statement regarding the effectiveness of stakeholder engagement processes in accordance with Clause 6.6.6.1, including: • Adequacy of stakeholder consultation • Responsiveness to stakeholder concerns • Evidence of ongoing engagement • Overall effectiveness	Stakeholder communications are managed through the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and SafetyCulture. The system records stakeholder issues, responsibility, status and actions. Issue IS-375 relating to log-truck speed on Evans Street was sampled; GPS data was obtained from the haulage contractor as part of the investigation and the stakeholder concern was responded to. Issue IS-270 relating to reported illegal falling was also sighted. The March 2025 Stakeholder Engagement Plan showed evidence of periodic review. The Responsible Wood DFA Location Map 2026 and a DFA activity update email dated 19 May 2026 were also sighted.
Major Non-conformities	Nil
Minor Non-conformities	Nil

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the action taken to address any nonconformities from previous audit reports	Seven observations and 1 minor non-conformance were reviewed and all successfully closed during the audit.
Certification Recommendation	☐ Grant certification X Maintain certification ☐ Renew certification ☐ Maintain certification subject to satisfactory closure of nonconformities ☐ Suspend certification ☐ Withdraw certification

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.

End of summary report

Document Information and Revision History of Template

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Revision	**Date**	**Notes**
0	5th July 2019	Initial release in new format. Excludes personal information of confidential nature from content.
1	17th March 2023	Revised release for passing on to Program Manager to use for accreditation to AS/NZS 4708: 2021.
2	30/7/23	Revised after JASANZ finding during transition to AS/NZS 4708: 2021.
3	27th August 2024	New format to more clearly align to Scheme Rules, simplify the summary, and report by section not tabular format.
4	18th August 2026	New format to more clearly align to 2025 Scheme Rules