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Summary Report

Sustainable Forest Management



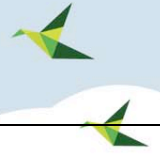
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Certification standard	AS 4708:2013
Client Name / Business name	Forico Pty Ltd
Business address of the client	Central Office: 16 Techno Park Drive, Kings Meadows, Tasmania 7250. Regional office: De Boer Drive, Ridgley, 7321.
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Dr Phil Crosby, Dr Wayne Tibbits [audit team leader]
Dates of review:	Monday 21 st to Friday 25 th September 2020
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Plantation establishment, maintenance, silviculture, fire control, road infrastructure and harvest. Native forest management for conservation.
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	Criteria 0.1, 1.3-1.5, 3-6. Launceston office and Ridgley office. Field sites within the defined forest area. Only the audit team leader, who is based in Tasmania, participated on site and conducted all the field visits. Other team members participated remotely reviewing system documents.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>Forico Pty Ltd may also be referred to as the forest manager, the organisation or the client in this report. Global-Mark has been the certification body for the client for a little over two years. This is only the third audit that Global-Mark has performed for this organisation.</p> <p>This audit included the same audit team as for the 2019 audit. However, due to travel restrictions with COVID-19, the whole audit team could not assemble on-site. The audit team leader, who is based in Tasmania, participated on site and conducted all the field visits. Other team members participated remotely and reviewed documented parts of the Forest Management System [FMS].</p> <p>Since the previous audit in October 2019, there was one major change in key members of staff supporting the forest management system, with the replacement Management Systems Coordinator commencing full-time. The transition appears to be effective. This two-person post-certification review was spread over five days [five auditor days in total] focused on a subset of AS 4708 criteria and requirements: stakeholder consultation, biodiversity, productive capacity, and ecosystem health values, as well as some of the management aspects of the FMS, including internal audits, corrective and preventive action, and management review processes. This audit did not need to include any direct consultation with stakeholders.</p> <p>Summary comments identified by all members of the audit team were:</p> <p><u>Positive comments are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The audit team received full cooperation and patience with a remote audit approach for this part of its team. The Sustainability team, lead by Simon and supported by Ann, was thoroughly prepared for the audit and contributed valuable to audit planning. 2. Forico's FMS continues to demonstrate a sound foundation for sustainable wood harvesting and consideration of other forest products. 3. The commitment to responsible management controls over the fairly extensive native forest and its ecosystems is commendable. 4. Forico's contribution to both the timber industry, and economic and society benefits, is clear and commendable. 5. The new canopy system has the ability to assist industry with regards to tracking of compliance obligations. 6. Forico have set an ambitious stretch for its re-establishment efforts of 95% survival in plantations indicating a clear appetite



	<p>for continual improvement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. The team demonstrated extra commitment to averting a perceived neighbour concern in rerouting haulage within a coupe to avoid travel on a council road that might have impacted a neighbour to coupe DM139F. 8. The organisation clearly ticks all the boxes in terms of top management demonstrating leadership and commitment with respect to its management system for environmental, sustainable forestry and chain of custody. 9. The catch phrase “future fibre” emphasises the long-term commitment. 10. Non-traditional projects apart from “fibre” are receiving considerable focus. <p>There were four audit findings as observations from the 2019 audit. These were all followed up and closed. During the audit we identified zero minor nonconformance matters and six new observations. An observation is an opportunity identified that could improve the FMS. The client is asked to consider these. There is no compulsion for any corrective action.</p> <p><u>Improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased monitoring focus on planting outcomes, with three of our audit observations related to planting. 2. Clarity on metrics associated with Integrated Pest Management. 3. Setting a higher standard in terms of tidying up some rubbish at some sites. <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>
<p>Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]</p>	<p>Plantation, mostly <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i>. Native forest managed for non-wood production purposes.</p>
<p>Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed</p>	<p>The Forico website has these details at: www.forico.com.au</p>
<p>The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner</p>	<p>Plantation and native forest. Currently the DFA is 172,373 Ha comprising permanent, and semi-permanent, forest, land taken up by infrastructure etc. Species mixes are: <i>E. nitens</i>, <i>E. globulus</i>, and <i>P. radiata</i>, with a longer-term aim of approx. 30/30/30% of each.</p>

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.
- 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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