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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

Organization name	Forico Pty Limited		
Contact person	Simon Cook		
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		e-mail	simon.cook@forico.com.au
		Website	http://www.forico.com.au

1.2 RW/ PEFC Sales Information

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RW/ PEFC Sales contact information same as above.			
AFS/ PEFC salesperson			
Address		Telephone	
		Fax	
		e-mail	
		Website	

1.3 Scope of Certificate

Any changes in the scope of the certification since the previous audit are highlighted in **yellow** in the tables below.

Certificate Code	SCS-RW-008	
Certification Statement	Forest management activities covering hardwood and softwood plantations and native forest. This includes planning, establishment, maintenance, roading and timber harvesting over which Forico Pty Limited has management control. Natural vegetation within the DFA is managed for biodiversity values.	
Certificate Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sites
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group	
# Sites and/or Group Members (if applicable)		
Total DFA hectares in certificate	172,153 ha	
Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited	Area (ha):	Plantation - 87,564
	Area (ha):	Natural forest - 76,732
	Area (ha):	Infrastructure - 3,305
	Area (ha):	Other - 4,552
	<i>Add rows as needed</i>	

	Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by the Organization on its website or upon request via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report.			
Applicable Standards/ Guidance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS/NZS 4708:2021 Sustainable Forest Management - requirements)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> AS4708 GN02-2013 (Guidance for the certification of group forest management)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If combined, joint, or integrated with another forest certification scheme, list scheme and describe use here: FSC Forest Management FSC-STD-01-AUS 2018			
Type of Audit	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation/ re-evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 st annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd annual surveillance audit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Special audit (<i>explain</i>):			
Forest Management Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantation		<input type="checkbox"/> Natural/ semi-natural	
Forest Product Type(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roundwood		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chips	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-timber Forest Products		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>describe</i>):	
Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> – Tasmanian Blue Gum <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i> – Shining Gum <i>Pinus radiata</i> - Radiata Pine, Monterey Pine			

Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence	FORICO maintains and implements a comprehensive Integrated Management System (IMS) which provides a consistent approach to forest operations including the Chain of Custody from the point of harvest to the point of sale. The IMS allows for complete implementation of the Forest Management Plan with both plantation management and harvesting as prime objectives. Both management review and internal audit are ongoing processes and support IMS implementation. One non-conformance for RW was noted during the audit regarding timber utilisation and impacts on site preparation for regeneration.		
RW Logos/labels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Logo checked and conformant (no non-conformities issued) <input type="checkbox"/> Logo checked, and Nonconformities issued		
Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is recommended, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to respond to findings issued.		<input type="checkbox"/> Continued certification is not recommended (<i>explain</i>):

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities Summary

Date of Audit	Monday 8 September to Friday 12 September 2025
Auditor	Kevin Haylock
Criteria	Section 11.1, Section 11.3, Section 11.5 and Section 11.6
Detailed Site Notes	Detailed itinerary and site notes are in Appendix 2, <i>Detailed Audit Itinerary and Site Notes</i> .

Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable:	<input type="checkbox"/> If this is a remote audit due to Covid-19, check here and describe ICT below.
Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:	<p>Consistency and reliability in operational, harvesting and silvicultural practices and implementation of procedures through use of forms, databases, and frequent checks were notable.</p> <p>Forico uses extensive and comprehensive well-maintained IMS documentation system managed by the Head Office in Kings Meadows, Launceston Tasmania.</p>
Significant changes, if there are any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:	No substantial changes since the last audit have occurred that affect ability of the certified organization to meet the requirements of the standard.
Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:	<p>Nonconformities raised in the previous audit by Global Mark have been addressed and the Corrective Action Requests have been closed.</p> <p>Forico has developed and implemented the <i>2025 Internal Audit Program Plan</i> that includes auditing to <i>AS 4708:2021 Sustainable forest management - requirements</i> for those section of the standard that are scheduled for surveillance audits.</p> <p>Forico conducted an internal audit on 4 April 2025, at which three findings were raised. Two minor improvement suggestions related to map coverage and updating the Forest Practices Plan template. A major improvement suggestion resulted from upgrading a minor improvement suggestion that was not fully addressed from the previous year's audit. The major finding related to ensuring that gravel used for road works was free of <i>Phytophthora cinnamomi</i>.</p> <p>All findings were closed following the audit.</p>
Unresolved issues (if identified):	N/A


2.2 Confirmation of Meeting Audit Objectives

The objectives for this audit included:

- a. Determination of the conformity of the client’s management system, or parts of it, with audit criteria (Selected Objectives, Performance Measures, and/or Indicators).
- b. Determination of the ability of the management system to ensure the client meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements.
- c. Determination of the effectiveness of the management system to ensure the client can reasonably expect to achieve specified objectives.
- d. As applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the management system.

Audit Objectives were met	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If no, provide an explanation:
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Signatures:

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