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Forico Pty Ltd

Summary Report - December 2022

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Sustainable Forest Management



**Responsible
Wood**

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Client Name & Address	Forico Pty Ltd, 16 Techno Park Drive, Kings Meadow, TAS 7250.
Dates of review	12 & 13 December, 2022
Type of review	Post certification - surveillance
Certification standard	AS 4708: 2013
Scope of activities within the scope of certification (short description)	Forest management activities in plantations (hardwood and softwood) in Tasmanian plantations including planning, establishment (site prep) and harvesting. Natural vegetation managed for conservation and non-wood production values. Inactive (growing stands) were included.
Scope of the audit / review	Requirements of the Standard as applicable to this surveillance and to the organisation, its defined forest area, and its offices.
Names of review team members	Phil Crosby (Lead Auditor) & Amy Robertson (Trainee Auditor)
Name of Global-Mark Client Manager, and signatory to this report:	Dr. Wayne Tibbits
Global-Mark summary of the main findings and conclusions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forico continue to operate an effective FMS to a very high standard of compliance. We commend the management approach in delegations of responsibility and authorities, and the diligence of staff in the practical application of procedures and controls to achieve a sustainable outcome. 2. Three (3) observations were reported, one of which was closed during the audit. There were no non-conformances found. 3. As remarked previously, while commercial forestry is the principal goal, the adoption and implementation of environmental, cultural, and social values remains impressive. Duty of care is taken very seriously.
Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units]	Hardwood (<i>E. nitens</i> predominantly and some <i>E. globulus</i>) and softwood (<i>P. radiata</i>) plantations and native forest throughout Tasmania.
Brief description of the Defined Forest Area [DFA].	Spread across Tasmania, with the greatest concentration in the north-west. Currently the DFA is 172,970 hectares [Ref FMP 9/22) comprising softwood and hardwood plantations under permanent, and semi-permanent management arrangements, natural forest and other native vegetation areas, land taken up by infrastructure etc.
Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed	Forico produce a 6-monthly State of the Estate report that defines the area of forest over which it has management control, and conducts operations, over. Latest issue is 30 June, 2022.



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.

Photo 1 - Showing contour cultivation on sloping site, and well-formed windrows.



Photo 2 - Logs in continuous landings, staged harvesting operation, compliant PPE.

