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Summary Report

Sustainable Forest Management



**Responsible
Wood** RW/1-44-2

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General	Comments
Certification standard	AS/NZS 4708: 2021 This was combined with re-certification audit for AS/NZS ISO14001: 2016, and surveillance for AS4707:2021 and FSC® Chain of Custody.
Client Name / Business name	Forico Pty Ltd
Business address of the client	Main office at 16 Techno Park Drive, Kings Meadows, TAS, 7249
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members	Dr Philip Crosby - on 3 rd to 5 th June only as full days all on AS/NZS4708 Dr Wayne Tibbits - all dates except 3 rd as three full days over this period
Dates of review	30 th , 31 st May and 3 rd to 7 th June 2024 3 rd July 2024 = Follow-up correction action for one nonconformance
Type of review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 pre-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2 certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance post certification; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Re-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Remote MD4; <input type="checkbox"/> Follow up of corrective actions for a finding from this re-certification
Sites visited to assess [e.g., office, depot, nursery, fire tower etc.]	Regional office & laboratory: 15-17 Circular Road, East Ridgley, TAS 7321 Nursery: McKay's Road, Somerset, TAS 7322
Forest Management Units visited	Plantation and natural forest.
Name of each forest site visited	<p>Auditor Philip Crosby:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FPL1174 at Barcoo/Williams Road Woolnorth, coupe HU24WN145A&B of 29 hectares operational area, with live active timber harvesting by Mechanised Logging [Michael Stone]. Forico staff Noel Murray and Simon Cook. 2. FPL0914-01 at Bonney's Road, coupe IT102A,B,F,G&H of 98 hectares operational area, as completed active cultivation and spraying in preparation for planting. Forico staffs Adam Langworthy, George Harris, Michael Evans and Simon Cook. 3. A randomly selected site. FPL1088 at Margetts Road, coupe MU23TK105Z of 71 hectares operational area, with reforestation as completed site preparation. Forico staff Michael Evans and Simon Cook. 4. A randomly selected site. FPL1115 at Robotham's Road, coupe HU23LK101E-F-P, HU23LK102A&G, HU24LK101F of 74.65 hectares operational area, with active harvesting by contractor Orana. Forico staff Cal Smith and Simon Cook. 5. FPL1056 at Oonah Road Tewkesbury, coupe RI106K-Q of 93 hectares operational area, with planting by contractor Four Seasons. Forico staff Michael Evans and Simon Cook. 6. FPL1109 at Bells Spur 1/1 Parawee, coupe HU23GO111Q of 19.3 hectares operational area, active harvest where cultural burn done with Stuart Becker and Simon McNamara, contractor, Matt Templar (sub to Orana). Forico staff Stuart Becker, Simon McNamara and Simon Cook. 7. Tree improvement R&D site near Ridgley. Forico staff Kelsey Joyce and Simon Cook. <p>Auditor Wayne Tibbits:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Peak Plan conservation covenant of native vegetation. Forico staff Ann La Sala. 9. FPL1040 at Merrywood, coupe HU22GN122A&B of 383 hectares operational area, where burn had just finished, and harvest was continuing by contractor Orana. Forico staff Ann La Sala, Bernard Raspin, Mark Walsh. 10. FPL1103 at Baden near Tunnack, coupe Pleasant Place of 272

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	<p>hectares operational area, active harvest by contractor Orana. Forico staff Ann La Sala, Bernard Raspin.</p> <p>11. CPR0338 at Nunamara, coupe HU23TR116K of 77.95 hectares operational area as it has just/not started, with Forico staff James Newman and Simon Cook.</p> <p>12. FPL0983 at Peddles Hill Ringarooma, coupe GP03BR101M of 37.25 hectares operational area as site preparation by TDF. Forico staff Lindsay Cannon and Simon Cook.</p> <p>13. Inactive site SD23BR186F at Ringarooma, a re-established plantation site transitioned from <i>Eucalyptus</i> to <i>Pinus</i>.</p>
Sections of the Standard and Sustainability Criteria in scope of this audit / review	All.
Exclusions to the standard and/or management system	Nil.
Extent of activities within the scope of certification	Forest management activities with the following operations: planning, establishment, maintenance, nursery seedling production, research and seed orchards, roading and timber harvesting, with natural vegetation within the DFA is managed for conservation and non-wood production values (over which Forico Pty Limited has management control).
Name of Management Representative	Simon Cook
	Comments on main points from audit
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p>A notification form of Responsible Wood was completed online. We detected several changes or corrections that were required and advised Responsible Wood of these.</p> <p>The certified sustainable forest management system remains well maintained, with the following positive comments about its performance.</p> <p><u>Positive comments are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soil moisture measurements were observed carried out at the site with FPP number FPL 0914-01, showing the forest management system using multi-factor decision making. ○ At the site with FPP number CPR0338 at Nunamara, the approach to prescribe careful removal of Willow trees. ○ A silvicultural contractor gave thorough attention to detail in and quality of their site induction, had used shrink wrap for consolidation of their spill kit at the site with FPP number FPL0983 at Ringarooma. ○ Peak Plan conservation covenant of native vegetation had the organisation focusing its work to protect and conserve biodiversity of Ptunnarra Brown Butterfly from European Wasp, and native orchid <i>Parapasphyllum creddrifforum</i>. ○ The Forest Planner and SE Forester instinctively used a Take Five when assessing flowing water over a bridge that needed to be crossed. ○ Prior to Forico, there was a historic stabilization of gully erosion at the site at Baden near Tunnack, with FPP number FPL1103, and this has produced a solid outcome for soil protection. ○ Stakeholder responses have strongly conveyed that Forico listens to Stakeholders and seek to address any alterations in their activities and/or management system to take on board stakeholder concerns. <p><u>Identified improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance the means by which field staff can/do readily document checks, changes, or conformance validation. Examples: Aboriginal heritage assessment of road line prior to gravel was required and verbal advice is that it was walked by BJ but not documented for the site at Pleasant Place FPL1103 at HM22GN201A-B. Tight wording of

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	<p>FPPs such as “Bundled system of >200 litres” but Forico and contractor confirmed that this was not realistic at Merrywood FPL1040 at HU22GN122A-B. The FPP number CCPR0338 at Nunamara does not yet record access into the site was not possible for any low loader delivering harvest machines.</p> <p>At the end of the audit there remained one matter of minor nonconformance identified by Global-Mark, who requested a corrective action plan from Forico. This was provided by the Sustainability Advisor and assessed by the Audit Team Leader. Global-Mark concludes that it is not a barrier to recommending re-certification, and keeps the finding open to reassess effectiveness of both corrective and preventative actions at its 2025 audit.</p> <p>We believe that the organization listed above at the sites 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.</p>
Defined Forest Area	Comments on Defined Forest Area and scope of certification
Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units]	Plantation forests, mostly <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i> , and lesser <i>Pinus radiata</i> . Natural forests, dominated by <i>Eucalyptus</i> .
Brief description of the geographic locality of Defined Forest Area	Across Tasmania.
Area of the Defined Forest Area as advised to the Scheme Owner	<p>The most up-to-date figure is 172,532 hectares. It is derived as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Forico produce a State of the Estate Report at end of June and December each year. In this it tabulates “Defined Forest Area (DFA) as GIS area”, which also represented as total of a pie chart for Figure 1. It is the area that is the recognized defined forest area. ○ Figure on Responsible Wood website is 172,970 hectares dated 21/12/2022, which is the figure that relates to a State of the Estate Report at end of June 2022. <p>During this audit Global-Mark used the on-line notify function of Responsible Wood website to inform Responsible Wood.</p>
Source for details of the Defined Forest Area (maps etc.), audit Summary Reports	<p>Forico website at:</p> <p>https://forico.com.au/volumes/images/Forico-Forest-Management-Unit-Maps.pdf</p>
Describe any applicable qualifications for scale and intensity	Intensive plantation silviculture.

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.


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