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Summary Report - Recertification Aug-22

Sustainable Forest Management – OneFortyOne Plantations Pty Ltd



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

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| Certification standard | AS 4708:2013 |
| Client Name / Business name | OneFortyOne Plantations Pty Ltd |
| Business address of the client | 152 Jubilee Highway East, Mt Gambier, SA 5290 |
| Name of the Certification Body | Global-Mark Pty Ltd |
| Names of review team members: | Dr Philip Crosby (Auditor, Monday-Wednesday), Dr Wayne Tibbits (ATL - Audit Team Leader, Monday-Friday) |
| Dates of review: | Monday 29 th August to Friday 2 nd September 2022 |
| Scope of activities within the scope of certification | Full range of activities for management of <i>Pinus radiata</i> plantation estate, including small inlying areas of native vegetation, in Green Triangle region and Victorian forests. |
| 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"/> Follow up or special audit = MD4 remote audit |
| Scope of the audit / review including sites visited | <p>Forest management system at main office, two depots, nursery, and selected forest sites/ compartments/ coupes, plus the corporate office.</p> <p>Corporate headquarters: Level 1, 636 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, VIC, 3004</p> <p>Depot: Mount Burr Road, Mount Burr, SA, 5279</p> <p>Depot: Riddoch Highway, Nangwarry, SA, 5277</p> <p>Log processing facility: 153 Darts Road, Portland North, VIC, 3305</p> <p>Nursery: Diagonal Road, Glencoe, SA, 5291</p> |
| Global-Mark summary of the main findings | <p>This is yet another re-certification for the organisation, and it is congratulated for having a certified sustainable forest management system for many years and several certificate cycles. During the three years of the certificate cycle, three surveillance audits and one scope expansion audit were conducted, and these were only partly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions. The first surveillance, in 2020 was done remotely off-site after restrictions came into place for COVID-19. An on-site field component was held later in 2020. The second and third surveillances, in May and December 2021 were both on-site by a two-person audit team not impacted by any travel restrictions for COVID-19. Hence, the organisation has been thoroughly assessed throughout this certificate cycle, with over 80% of audit duration on-site.</p> <p>There have been no major changes to the sustainable forest management system and scope of certification during this certificate cycle.</p> <p>Throughout the full report, the organisation might also be referred to as the client, the forest manager, OneFortyOne, or abbreviated to OFO.</p> <p>All performance requirements of the nine core criteria of the standard were assessed. The audit duration of eight [8] auditor days, undertaken by a team of two, comprised 50% field inspections across their estate.</p> <p>The audit team leader made contact by phone, during the audit, with two stakeholders, one interested and one affected. The audit team leader selected them from the forest manager's list of stakeholders, as they were neighbours to and/or were directly interested in the activities of the forest manager. They had concerns over shared local or regional issues, and fire protection. Generally, both were positive about how the forest manager had taken interest in their concerns.</p> <p>In December 2021, the standard AS/NZS 4708: 2021 was published, superseding AS 4708: 2013. Transition to the new version must be completed by early 2024, as a certificate for AS 4708: 2013 will no longer be valid after 9th March 2024. Some audit comments on likely conformance to the new version were made in the full report.</p> <p><u>Positive comments are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Record of Annual Management Review is well presented, concise, in sufficient depth. 2. Breadth of use of the Responsible Wood logo, across sustainable forest management system. 3. Team approach, with corporate assistance [Jess Douglas] in production of the Forest Management Public Summary. This document is indeed very well done, and in the opinion of the audit team leader, is one of the best publicly available presentations of how the forest manager addresses SFM. |

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| | <p>4. Young female Foresters acquiring skills and support from leadership who are giving them responsibility for decisions related to sustainable management and promoting gender diversity plus equal employment opportunity.</p> <p>5. One stakeholder in a State Government fire agency positively described OFO in these terms: Excellent to deal with is OFO. No other way to describe them. Very strong PD and operational responses. HR management, the way that they ID training needs is well done. An exemplary organisation in forest industry. Relationship enhanced in recent period with GM GT Forestry, Mick. Response to fire is highly thought of, appreciated and above what is expected.</p> <p>6. Thorough preparedness for external certification body audits, including detailed planning to ensure a comprehensive array of the forest managers staff are available to the audit team.</p> <p><u>Improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <p>1. Interaction with contractors, both estate and harvest, focused on communication and awareness of expectations of the forest manager and responsibilities of the contractor, in achieving sustainable forest management outcomes.</p> <p>We believe that the organization listed above at the sites 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> |
| Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA] | Predominantly Radiata Pine plantations in the Green Triangle. Plantation Lease Agreement is largest portion of the DFA. Total area increased by 302 hectares to 95,782.2 hectares. The forest manager has defined the area of forest to which the Standard applies and can demonstrate its management control. |
| Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed | A fully interactive map of the Defined Forest Area remains available on the OneFortyOne website. It displays many features. |
| The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner | The area formally advised to Responsible Wood is in the Forest Management Scope & Defined Forest Area is 95,782.2 hectares. The website of responsible Wood has this total as at 26/08/2022. This is an increase of 302 hectares, mostly due to an increase in 194.7 total plantable area and 809.8 protection buffers. Native forest increased by 14.5. |

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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