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Summary Report



Sustainable Forest Management




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Reporting parameter	Comments
Certification standard	AS 4708:2013
Client Name / Business name	OneFortyOne Plantations Pty Ltd
Business address of the client	<u>Office & depot:</u> Jubilee Highway East, Mt Gambier, SA 5290, Australia. <u>Depots only:</u> Mount Burr Road Mount Burr, 5279 SA; Riddoch Highway Nangwarry, 5277 SA. <u>Nursery:</u> Diagonal Road, Glencoe, 5291, SA. <u>Melbourne head office:</u> Level 1, 636 St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3004
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members:	Dr. Wayne Tibbits CF
Dates of review:	Tuesday 12 th to Friday 16 th and Monday 19 th to 22 nd August 2019
Scope of activities within the scope of certification	Management of almost 100,000 hectares of Radiata Pine plantations in the Green Triangle area [South Australia and Victoria] through plantation lease agreement [PLA] and some smaller areas that have come into the DFA through purchase. PLA is largest portion of the DFA and runs from 17-Oct-2012 for 70 years.
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
Scope of the audit / review including sites visited	All requirements of the standard at all offices and depots.
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	<p><u>Melbourne office:</u> A visit to this office was the first during the period of five years that Global-Mark has been the certification body for the client. This proved most valuable and confirmed the high level of commitment from the organisation to its scope of certification requirements in AS4708.</p> <p><u>Depots, field sites and nursery:</u> This audit included almost half of its time devoted to these non-office parts of the forest management system. Observations supported the conclusion that field operations are implemented in line with management system plans. OneFortyOne produces a range of forest products.</p> <p><u>Stakeholder feedback:</u> This audit included consultation via phone and in person with a sample of stakeholders obtained from the list of stakeholders provided by OneFortyOne Plantations Pty Ltd. It took place during the audit prior to the closing meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback comments indicated that: they were all aware of the organisation OneFortyOne Plantations Pty Ltd, though one representative had limited awareness. There were particular aspects of forest management to which the stakeholders had strong interest and potential impact, and there were no reasons as yet to make any formal complaints, disputes or grievances against the forest manager. • Two stakeholders expressed the importance of the forest manager engaging even more openly with affected stakeholders when the organisation wants to usher in significant change to the organisational processes. This was not raised as an audit finding, since the feedback from those at the Executive level indicated an increasing proactive approach in engagement, particularly in the Green Triangle. • Fire preparedness and attention to biodiversity were seen as being done well. Photos to left show projects to enhance biodiversity. <p><u>Positive comments are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There exists a clearly structured process of management review that engages throughout the organisation and prepares senior management for effective decision-making and endorsement. Several proposed modifications to the FMS covered at annual management review focus on improved performance outcomes
 <p>Photo above = Planting of native species by Glenelg Nature Trust in native patch that had pines removed from Nangwarry compartment 245.</p>  <p>Photo above = small inlier carefully protected when pine wildings harvested during clearfall project.</p>	

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<p>Photo below = One of several helmets worn by forest workers that had exceeded three years use.</p> 	<p>related to affected stakeholders, biodiversity and forest research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions can be raised for any issue requiring correction. The system has a dashboard for navigation assistance. • The “July 2019 Working Day 10 report” mentioned AS4708 re-certification and PAPP replacement of 1080. • Awareness of AS4708 appears to have been clearly enhanced through the FMS Roadshow version 1.1 that is a PowerPoint outlining the DFA and used to inform employees. • The Forest Management Plan readily describes the silvicultural regimes are in section 7 by a tabular presentation of a sequence of chronological activities with photographs and parameters including descriptors for rational. • Demonstrated use of Woodstock to produce TRV [total removable volume] and then spreadsheet input figure with Australian greenhouse assumptions is a noble effort with great attention to detail and shows previous estimates from 2016 are relatively stable. • Considered planning has gone getting a new fire truck to meet CFA requirements in order to compare its performance and costs with that of refurbishing the 2006 vintage Fire King units currently in their fleet. • A new initiative one-page information sheet addressing ‘weed identification & minimizing the spread of weeds” appears capable of assisting to identify and act, through use of simple instructions, images and link to an app. <p><u>Improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the audit we identified a single minor nonconformance matter and nine observations. All six previous audit findings were followed up and closed. The minor nonconformance needed and received corrective action from OneFortyOne, meaning that it could be subsequently downgraded to an observation, and then certification could be recommended. Its follow up will be in 2020. • Trends in operational effectiveness in line with AS4708 requirements of forest productive capacity and forest ecosystem health could be improved. Refer to findings [№ 44, 45, 47]. • Clearly identify and know the interests of stakeholders that they themselves identify as their interests. Refer to finding [№ 42] and comments above on noise complaints. • Isolated incidents of minor safety risks - out of date supplies in first aid kits, helmets that were just or could be out of date due to no clearly issue date, two forest workers with steel toe cap exposed, some low toxicity/quantity chemicals missed from manifests at some sites, and lack of clarity on old signage for firearms. Contingency/ emergency plans for truck drivers may not enable quick first aid response, as all three truck drivers interviewed took several minutes to locate first aids kit in their truck. • There should be a face-to-face induction for each operational site visited by the audit team and visitors.
<p>Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units] and Defined Forest Area [DFA]</p>	<p>Mostly Radiata Pine plantations in the Green Triangle. Some small plantation areas of other pine and <i>Eucalyptus</i> species. Some small areas of native vegetation referred to as “inliers” within plantation boundaries.</p>
<p>Guidance as to how to obtain further details of the DFA may be accessed</p>	<p>A fully interactive map of our Defined Forest Area is available on the OneFortyOne website. It displays the four ownership categories.</p>
<p>The area of the DFA as advised to the Scheme Owner</p>	<p>The forest manager has defined the area of forest to which the Standard applies and demonstrate management control. The organisation also has processes and systems that describe, monitor and make the maps of the defined forest area (at a scale not smaller than 1:250,000) publicly available. Total area is 95,043 hectares.</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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