

Forest Management System – Summary Audit Report			
Client name:	PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd	Certificate #	AFS 619635
Client address	Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe	Website:	pfolsen.com/au
Audit type:	Surveillance Assessment	Report date:	21 November 2016
Standard:	AS4708:2013	Auditor:	Ross Garsden
<p>This document provides a summary of the findings contained in a report to this client with respect to the implementation of the client's management system as determined during an audit conducted by BSI.</p>			

Scope of certification:
<p>The management of softwood and hardwood plantations in the Gippsland and Green Triangle regions of Victoria; Tasmania; Kangaroo Island (SA;) and the south west of Western Australia.</p> <p>The scope of certification includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the harvesting and marketing of forest products from these forests for domestic processing and export; and • the management of adjacent areas of native vegetation, which are excluded from wood production and managed primarily for conservation purposes.

Executive summary:
<p>This report presents the findings of a routine surveillance assessment of PF Olsen (Aust) Pty Ltd (PFOA) with respect to the requirements of AS4708:2013. The audit program included an assessment of new and existing forest assets in the Green Triangle (Victoria and South Australia) and Kangaroo Island as well as a review of 'chain of custody' processes with respect to the organisation's woodchip export activities. The latter was assessed at the export facility operated by Australian Bluegum Plantations Pty Ltd in Portland (Victoria). The audit concluded with an assessment of centrally-managed system processes at the company's head office in Ivanhoe, Victoria.</p> <p>The audit included planned stakeholder engagement including discussions with a range of relevant stakeholders including PF Olsen staff, Contractors from several harvest and haulage companies, ABP staff involved in the operation of the ship-loading facility in Portland and a representative of local government in Glenelg Shire.</p> <p>The audit included an assessment of the manner in which PFOA undertakes a range of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest management • Fire management • Biodiversity surveys - birds • Risk assessment and asset management • Contractor safety and operational controls • Chain of custody and Chain of responsibility • Road management • Research • Business systems and planned improvements • GIS

Some key strengths of the PFOA Management system identified during this audit included:

- Company’s capacity to identify resource needs and bring on new staff.
- Strength of the induction process.
- Strength of existing systems enabling efficient integration of new properties into DFA.
- Stakeholder engagement processes.
- Commitment to best practice and continuous improvement.
- Controls around export operations.
- Accuracy of GIS data.
- Whole of system integration – accuracy and accessibility of information (FIPS and GIS).

A minor non-conformance has been identified relating to requirements for contractor responsibilities and the effectiveness of contractor site inductions.

Other opportunities for improvement identified in this assessment related to:

- Risk assessment for properties under management and capacity to identify significant risks where external expertise maybe necessary.
- Capacity to demonstrate diligent management of truck driver fatigue.

The audit has determined that PFOA continues to operate a management system that meets the requirements of AS 4708:2013.

The competence and professionalism of staff was also noted as a positive strength of the company and their constructive engagement throughout the assessment greatly assisted the audit process.

Defined forest area statement

The DFA consists of short rotation, blue gum plantations in 8 Forest Management Units (FMUs) as follows located in Gippsland (Vic), Green Triangle (Vic), Kangaroo Island (SA), Tasmania and Western Australia.

Defined forest area (in hectares):	204,717 ha
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