

Forest Management System – Summary Audit Report			
Client name:	PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd	Certificate #	AFS 619365
Client address	Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe	Website:	pfolsen.com/au
Audit type:	Surveillance Assessment	Report date:	12 Sept 2017
Standard:	AS4708:2013	Auditor:	Ross Garsden
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.			

Scope of certification:
<p>The management of softwood and hardwood plantations in Victoria; South Australia; Southern NSW; Tasmania; and the south west of Western Australia. The scope of certification also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the harvesting and marketing of logs, wood chips and other 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 with respect to the requirements of AS4708:2013. The audit program included an assessment of new and existing forest assets in the South West of Western Australia as well as the recently included Murray River Forests Estate in Southern NSW being managed by a small team at Tumut. In Albany, the audit was conducted at the new Albany Office and the audit verified the application of the Standard at that site. The Tumut office was assessed remotely due to the relatively small additional area and scale of operations, which are scheduled for audit during the re-certification assessment in April 2017.</p> <p>The audit included an assessment of centrally-managed system processes conducted at the company's head office in Ivanhoe, Victoria and Regional office in Traralgon, Victoria. The audit has determined that the centrally-managed system operated by PF Olsen (Aust) Pty Ltd is being implemented effectively at the respective sites. The scope of certification has been modified to incorporate the activities in Southern NSW and acknowledge the fact that the Kangaroo Island estate is no longer within the scope of this certificate.</p> <p>The audit provided an opportunity for planned stakeholder engagement including discussions with a range of relevant stakeholders. In addition to PF Olsen staff, contractors from several harvest and haulage companies were interviewed as well as a representative from Birdlife Australia and the South West NRM in Albany.</p> <p>The audit included an assessment a wide range the company's processes and activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural heritage • Residue management and new opportunities with biomass • Pest management • Fire management • Biodiversity surveys - birds • Risk assessment and asset management

- Contractor safety and operational controls
- Chain of custody and Chain of responsibility procedures
- Road management and maintenance
- Research
- Business systems and planned improvements
- GIS

Some key strengths of the company’s management system identified during this audit included:

- Contractor induction processes
- Strength of existing systems enabling efficient integration of new properties into DFA
- Stakeholder engagement processes
- Commitment to best practice and continuous improvement
- Accuracy of GIS data
- Whole of system integration – accuracy and accessibility of information (FIPS and GIS)

The minor non-conformance relating to requirements for contractor responsibilities and the effectiveness of contractor site inductions, as noted in the previous report, has been effectively addressed and is now closed.

A number of opportunities for improvement have been identified in this assessment in relation to:

- Objectives and targets;
- Incident investigation and non-conformance management processes;
- Internal audit; and
- Management review.

The audit has determined that PF Olsen (Aust) Pty Ltd continues to operate a management system that meets the requirements of AS 4708:2013.

Once again, the positive and constructive participation of all staff involved in the planning and conduct of this assessment is noted and acknowledged.

Defined forest area statement

The DFA primarily consists of short rotation, blue gum plantations in three Forest Management Units (FMUs), namely: Green Triangle Region (Victoria and SA including Gippsland), Tasmania, and Western Australia. A fourth FMU in Southern NSW includes a minor softwood estate. The Green Triangle and Western Australia FMU's also include minor areas of softwood plantations.

Defined forest area (in hectares):	183,044 Ha
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