

Australian Forestry Standard Forest Management System Summary Report

PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd ForestSmart® Group Certification Scheme

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PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

Organization name	PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd dba ForestSmart Group Certification Scheme		
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1.2 AFS/ PEFC Sales Information

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFS/ PEFC Sales contact information same as above.			
AFS/ PEFC salesperson			
Address		Telephone	
		Fax	
		e-mail	
		Website	

1.3 Scope of Certificate

Checking this box indicates this is a Stage 1 summary report, and the scope table below reflects relevant information for the certification *applicant* (i.e., certification decision not yet determined).

Certificate Code <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Stage 1 summary report)	SCS-RW-003
Certification Statement <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Stage 1 summary report)	<p>The scope of the certificate includes all activities associated with the Organization’s sustainable forest management system with the Defined Forest Area(s) (DFA), including the harvest, transport, and sale or trade of forest products. The Organization has sufficient control over any contracting or outsourcing of forest management planning and activities to ensure conformance to applicable certification requirements.</p> <p>This group manages softwood and hardwood plantations in Australia as members of the ForestSmart® Group Scheme. The scope of certification includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the marketing of forest products for domestic processing and export from these forests, and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the conservation management of adjacent areas of native vegetation which are excluded from wood production 	
Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Stage 1 summary report)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial or continued certification is recommended, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to response any findings issued.	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial or continued certification is not recommended (<i>explain</i>):
Certificate Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Single DFA	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple DFA
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group	
# Group Members (if applicable)	1 Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers	
Number of DFAs in Scope of Certificate	One	
Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited	Area (ha):	11,967 Eucalyptus globulus
	Area (ha):	405 Eucalyptus nitens
	Area (ha):	1,837 Pinus radiata
	Area (ha):	7,317 Remnant vegetation
	Area (ha):	3,883 Roads, firebreaks and unplanted land
	Area (ha):	14,208 TOTAL plantation area
	Area (ha):	25,408 TOTAL DFA
	Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by the Organization on its website or upon request via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report.	
Exclusion of areas from DFA(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A – Entire DFA(s) owned or managed by the Organization is included in the scope of certification.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisation wishes to exclude portions of the DFA(s) under evaluation from the scope of certification (check all that apply): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery areas within the DFA(s); <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation infrastructure under the control of the Organisation, but outside of the DFA(s); <input type="checkbox"/> Areas under the control of the Organisation such as log dumps, merchandising yards or ports within or outside of the DFA(s). Note that COC requirements still apply to the forest products that have come from the DFA(s) and may be evaluated onsite to determine conformance to such requirements; and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Public infrastructure development areas not under the management control of the Organisation (see AS4708 GN01-2013, Requirement 3.9, Guide to implementation, infrastructure, item 2 for more information). 	

	<input type="checkbox"/> The Organisation has persistently or seriously failed to meet the certification requirements for specific areas within the DFA(s). The Certification Body has reduced the scope of certification to exclude these areas not meeting the certification requirements. These reductions have been duly reviewed by the Certification Body and are in line with AFS certification requirements.	
Applicable Standards/ Guidance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS4708-2013 (Australian Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AS4708 GN02-2013 (Guidance for the certification of group forest management)	
Forest Management Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural/ semi-natural
Forest Product Type(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roundwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chips
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-timber Forest Products	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>describe</i>):
Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))	Radiata pine – Pinus radiata Eucalyptus globulus – Tasmanian blue gum Pinus radiata – Radiata pine Eucalyptus nitens – Shining gum	
Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the capability of the management system to meet applicable requirements and expected outcomes; - the internal audit and management review process 	<p>PF Olsen Australia maintains an effective forest management system to ensure conformance to Responsible Wood Group certification requirements, and specifically to manage the Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers estate, currently the only member.</p> <p>PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd already manages large areas of privately owned lands, established as softwood and hardwood plantations located across Australia, and has been FSC and AFS (now Responsible Wood) certified for plantation management for several years.</p> <p>PF Olsen Australia uses a robust Internal audit policy standard, procedures, checklists and a management review report.</p>	
Conclusion on the appropriateness of the certification scope	<p>The scope of this evaluation is to evaluate conformance of PF Olsen Australia’s ForestSmart® Group to the Australian Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management, AS 4708, and Sustainable Forest Management Guidance for the certification of group forest management, AS 4708 -GN02-2013. Although currently there is one group member the intention and plans of ForestSmart® are to offer membership to all lands meeting eligibility criteria. The scope is anticipated to increase over time.</p> <p>PF Olsen Australia has extensive experience in forest management on behalf of a wide range of clients (both corporate and private) across Australia including individual lands of private landowners who are certified to Responsible Wood and groups</p>	

	already certified under different forest management certification schemes.
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2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities

N/A (Stage 1 Audit)

Type of Audit:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation/ re-evaluation (Stage 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd annual surveillance audit
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Combined audit	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint audit	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated audit	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Special audit (<i>explain</i>):			
Date of Audit:	12 th and 13 th June 2018 (Kangaroos Island), 21 st June Head Office, (Ivanhoe, Victoria)			
Auditor(s):	Graeme Lea			
Objective and Scope of the Audit: <input type="checkbox"/> Check if audit objectives were met	<p>This is the Stage 2 evaluation, carried out on-site at the Kangaroo Island office of Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers, and included field visits to several plantations, documentation review and staff interviews. The purpose of this stage one assessment is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the intended scope of certification and confirm; Review proposed audit durations and required audit team competencies for stage 2; • Determine the probable conformity of the organization’s forest management system with audit criteria; • Undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of the forest management system to ensure the organization can continually meet its specified objectives; • To identify, as applicable, areas of potential nonconformities to AS4708-2013; • Complete corporate governance requirements at the company HO ensuring management controls are sufficient to meet RW standard requirements. 			
Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable:	There were no significant deviations from the audit plan.			
Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding	PF Olsen Australia maintains an effective and well-run forestry business that is backed up by documentation and observable evidence in the field. The Forest Management system implemented by PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd t/as ForestSmart® is comprehensive and accessible.			

<p>implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:</p>	<p>PF Olsen Australia has been FSC and AFS/RW certified for several years, AFS (now RW) since 2015, and has well established and implemented forest management processes and procedures in the field. It was noted that these are well documented and verifiable by records maintained in various databases.</p> <p>PF Olsen Australia has significant experience in managing plantation areas on behalf of their clients and has been observed in FSC audits as having overall very positive relationships with the landowners.</p> <p>There were no perceived areas of weakness seen during the Stage one audit, principally due to PF Olsen Australia having maintained compliant documentation processes for several years and having undergone several AFS audits confirming this.</p> <p>It should be noted that the first member of the Responsible Wood Group Certification Scheme, being Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers (KIPT), have engaged PF Olsen Australia as a forest manager. The management agreement is currently limited to the maintenance of a mature plantation estate. There is no silviculture and no harvesting being conducted at this time. Harvesting is not due to start until a woodchip and log birth port facility has been approved and developed which may take up to 2 years.</p>
<p>Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:</p>	<p>N/A as this is part of the initial evaluation audit for the PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd t/as ForestSmart[®] Forest Management Group Scheme.</p>
<p>Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:</p>	<p>N/A as this is part of the initial evaluation audit for the PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd t/as ForestSmart[®] Forest Management Group Scheme.</p>
<p>Unresolved issues (if identified):</p>	<p>No unresolved issues were noted during the stage one audit.</p>