

Australian Forestry Standard Forest Management System Summary Report

PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd ForestSmart® Group Certification Scheme

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SECTION A – 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

Any changes in the scope of the certification since the previous audit are highlighted in **yellow** in the tables below.

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>The stated scope of this certification is: The scope of the certificate is the management of a group of 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)	Kangaroo Island plantation Timbers	
Number of DFAs in Scope of Certificate	The DFA is located on Kangaroo Island off the coast of South Australia. The DFA is scattered within its geographic extent. There are currently 45 plantations registered as forming the DFA.	
Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited	Area (ha):	12,015 Eucalyptus globulus
	Area (ha):	418 Eucalyptus nitens
	Area (ha):	1,937 Pinus radiata
	Area (ha):	7,546 Remnant vegetation
	Area (ha):	3,3,698 Roads, firebreaks and unplanted land
	Area (ha):	14,370 TOTAL plantation area
	Area (ha):	25,614 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 Organisation 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 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 and efficient forest management system to ensure conformance to Responsible Wood Group certification requirements, and specifically to manage the Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers Estate.</p> <p>PF Olsen Australia Pty Ltd already manages a wide range of privately-owned lands, established as softwood and hardwood plantations located across Australia, and has been FSC and Responsible Wood certified for plantation management for several years.</p> <p>PF Olsen Australia uses an Internal audit policy standard, procedures, checklists and a management review report process which includes the ability to issue nonconformances and observations.</p>	
Conclusion on the appropriateness of the certification scope	<p>The scope of this surveillance audit is to ensure that PF Olsen Australia ensure compliance to all requirements of AS 4708 -2013 sustainable Forest Management and AS 4708 -GN02-2013 Sustainable Forest Management - Guidance for the certification of group forest management.</p> <p>The scope of this certification is considered appropriate as PF Olsen Australia have extensive experience in forest management on behalf of a wide range of clients (both corporate and private) across Australia</p>	

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities

N/A (Stage 1 Audit)

Type of Audit:	<input type="checkbox"/> Evaluation/ re-evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 st annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd annual surveillance audit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined audit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint audit	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated audit	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Special audit (<i>explain</i>):			
Date of Audit:	9 th and 10 th July 2019 Kangaroo Island			
Auditor(s):	Graeme Lea			
Objective and Scope of the Audit: <input type="checkbox"/> Check if audit objectives were met	<p>This is the first surveillance audit, 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 surveillance assessment is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and confirm the scope of certification; • Verify conformity of the organization’s forest management system with audit criteria; • Verify the effectiveness of the forest management system to ensure the organization can continue to meet its specified objectives. • To identify, if required, areas of potential nonconformities to AS4708-2013. 			
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 implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:	<p>PF Olsen Australia maintains an effective and well-run forestry business that is backed up by documentation, some publicly available via the PF Olsen Australia website (www.aupfo.com) 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> <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 and RW audits as having overall very positive relationships with the landowners.</p> <p>There were no perceived areas of weakness seen during the surveillance audit, principally due to PF Olsen Australia having maintained compliant documentation</p>			

	<p>processes for several years and having undergone several AFS audits confirming this.</p> <p>Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers (KIPT), have engaged PF Olsen Australia as a forest manager. The management agreement has recently been reviewed to include the management of a mature plantation estate. Currently there is no silviculture and no harvesting being conducted at this time. Harvesting is not due to start until a woodchip and log berth port facility has been approved and developed which may take another 12 months.</p>
<p>Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:</p>	<p>At the time of the first surveillance audit there were no significant changes for either PF Olsen Australia or for KIPT. The auditor notes KIPT is still awaiting approval to build a woodchip and log berth facility on Kangaroo Island, and until such time as approval is granted it is unlikely there will be significant changes to the management of the plantation estate. The EIS is currently “in process” with the South Australian government</p>
<p>Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:</p>	<p>As above</p>
<p>Unresolved issues (if identified):</p>	<p>No unresolved issues were noted during the 2019 surveillance audit</p>