Public Notification Letter

To: Interested Parties
From: SCS Global Services
Date: Friday 24th of February, 2017
Re: Notification of FSC® Controlled Wood Evaluation Audit of Carter Holt Harvey Wood Products (Central & Northern Region) Pty Ltd

Summary:
Scientific Certification Systems Inc. t/a SCS Global Services (SCS) is conducting a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) controlled wood (CW) evaluation audit of Carter Holt Harvey Wood Products (Central & Northern Region) Pty Ltd (CHH) (SCS-COC-004912) for wood harvested from third party softwood plantations in Mount Lofty Ranges in South Australia and Green Triangle Region of the South East of South Australia and South West Victoria. The audit will be conducted week commencing the 10th of April 2017 at the company office and saw mill in Mount Gambier, ship loading facility in Portland Victoria, three plantation harvest locations located in the Mounty Lofty Ranges and Mount Gambier in South Australia and South West Victoria and four saw mills in the supply chain to CHH.

As part of the FSC certification evaluation, SCS is currently seeking stakeholder input regarding the relevance, effectiveness or adequacy of the CHH Due Diligence System (DDS) to avoid material from unacceptable sources.

Scope and Certification Evaluation Process:
SCS Global Services (SCS), a FSC-accredited certification body based in Emeryville, California, will conduct this FSC CoC-CW evaluation audit.
The CoC-CW evaluation audit will assess the conformity of the organization’s CoC system according to FSC-STD-40-004v2.1 and the CW DDS to FSC-STD-40-005v3.0. A copy of the standards are available from FSC (see below under additional information) or SCS upon request.

The scope of the CHH FSC CoC and CW certification includes pinus radiata sourced from third party sources.

The Evaluation Process Includes:

a) Public notification: distribution of the standard and solicitation of comments on the certification applicant;
b) Audit planning and document review;
c) Review of the certificate holders’ Due Diligence System (DDS) stakeholder consultation and control measures;
d) Field assessment: A representative sample of field sites and operations within the defined forest area are inspected by SCS auditors;
e) Reporting: A draft report describing the evaluation process, findings, and certification decision is produced;
f) Review and finalization of the report: The report is review and final certification decision made by an SCS Technical Associate
g) Certification decision: the final report and certification decision is conveyed to the applicant.
Call for Public Participation

SCS is seeking comments on the controlled wood source of CHH or other topics relevant to the FSC Controlled Wood Standard 40-005v3.0 against which they are being assessed. Comments can be submitted via email, standard mail, or facsimile to our Lead auditor or SCS representative whose details are listed below.

Your options for communicating your feedback to us are as follows:

- Meet with the SCS Lead Auditor during the fieldwork.
- Provide comments to the Lead Auditor via phone
- Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to Nick Capobianco, SCS Australia representative

All comments and sources will be kept in strict confidence at the request of the commenter.

Dates

The evaluation audit is scheduled to begin Monday the 10th of April, 2017.

SCS can make arrangements to speak with interested parties before, during and following the audit, and will be available to meet during the field verification, but it is preferred that comments are submitted before the field evaluation commences.

Evaluation Team

Ms. Tuesday Phelan — SCS FM, CW and COC Lead Auditor.

Dispute Resolution Procedure

As provided by the FSC Interim Dispute Resolution Protocol and the SCS Forest Conservation Program Quality Manual, dispute resolution procedures are in place and available to interested parties at http://www.scsglobalservices.com/your-feedback

Additional Information

Please Contact Us

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Additional certificate holder information

1. **Finance Manager:** [Darren.Sims@chhwoodproducts.com.au](mailto:Darren.Sims@chhwoodproducts.com.au)
   Wood fibre included in this CW assessment is harvested from third party plantations.

2. **Geographical region of forests and areas used for field Verification audits**
   - Commercial Forest Manager – Mount Gambier Forest, SA
   - Commercial Forest Manager – Mount Lofty Ranges, SA
   - Private Landowner – near the town of Strathdownie, Victoria

   For more specific geographic information refer to the document link under Due Diligence System (below), or email [Darren.Sims@chhwoodproducts.com.au](mailto:Darren.Sims@chhwoodproducts.com.au)

3. **Plantation species:**
   Pinus radiata

4. **Public Information provided by CHH**
   CHH has published its Due Diligence System including wood supply maps, Controlled Wood Public Summary, wood supply maps and other documents, which can be downloaded at the following links;
   - Controlled Wood Public Summary
     [https://www.dropbox.com/s/vledtfvodrtfce/SCS_COC_TMP_FSCControlledWoodPublicSummaryCH_V1-1_1107162.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/vledtfvodrtfce/SCS_COC_TMP_FSCControlledWoodPublicSummaryCH_V1-1_1107162.pdf?dl=0)
   - Due Diligence System including Wood Supply Sources and Wood Supply Maps
     [https://www.dropbox.com/s/1hishz3je2gcexa/2016_FSC_Controlled_Wood_Due_Diligence_Risk_Assessment_CHH.pdf?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/1hishz3je2gcexa/2016_FSC_Controlled_Wood_Due_Diligence_Risk_Assessment_CHH.pdf?dl=0)

5. **Approved CW risk assessment prepared by CHH**
   The Risk Assessment is required to be reviewed annually.

   For a summary of High Conservation values identified by Carter Holt Harvey (Central & Northern Region) Pty Ltd, contact the CHH Finance Manager: [Darren.Sims@chhwoodproducts.com.au](mailto:Darren.Sims@chhwoodproducts.com.au)

6. **Areas of the Forest Supplying Carter Holt Harvey (Central & Northern Region) Pty Ltd**
   Logs included in the company’s controlled wood program are harvested from third party plantation areas. (Refer to geographical region of forests nominated above.)

More information about FSC and SCS can be obtained from [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org) and [www.scsglobalservices.com](http://www.scsglobalservices.com).
A copy of the FSC Standard to be used (FSC-STD-40-005 v3.0) can be requested from SCS, or found online at: [https://au.fsc.org/en-au/standards/controlled-wood](https://au.fsc.org/en-au/standards/controlled-wood)