10th October 2016

Public notification letter

To: Interested parties

From: Global-Mark Pty Ltd

Subject: Evaluation of the ‘organisation’ to FSC-STD-40-005 V3-0 Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood

‘Organisation’: AKD Softwoods [Associated Kiln Driers Pty Ltd]

Outline: As part of the evaluation to FSC-STD-40-005 V3-0 Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood, Global-Mark seeks stakeholder participation. Please supply your comments by email to the contact listed below.


Assessment will be against FSC-STD-40-005 V3-0. A copy of the standard is available from: https://ic.fsc/org/en/certification/requirements-guidance/normative-framework/standards

The audit will take place at the organisation’s office in Colac with field verification audits of a sample of Forest Management Units [FMU] of the supply area in the week commencing Monday 21st November 2016.

The organisation is required to maintain a risk mitigation process, which may include field verification program and stakeholder consultation as possible control measures in relation to High Conservation Values related to the Supply area.
Global-Mark will conduct an independent audit to assess conformity of the company’s risk assessment and verification program for wood sources supplied without a FSC claim, and to verify that stakeholder consultation has been undertaken. This may occur before, during and after the field assessment, and prior to our completion of the audit report.

Access to information that is to be publically available will be available from Https://au.fsc.org. Fundamental to this will be the Due Diligence System [DDS] summarised for stakeholders. This will include description of supply areas, risk designation and assessment, procedure for filing complaints.

We wish to inform all stakeholders that:

- Should you provide comments then we ask that you consent for their publication.
- However, we do provide you with the opportunity to comment in confidence.
- All comments provided will be evaluated objectively and meaningfully.
- We will respond with explanation within 30 days of the certification decision.

**For more information:** Should you require more information about FSC then please go to: www.fsc.org

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We thank you for your involvement.

With kind regards.