Public Notification Letter

To: Interested Parties
From: SCS Global Services
Date: Wednesday 16th of August, 2017
Re: Notification of FSC® Controlled Wood Evaluation Audit of SPF Resources 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 SPF Resources Pty Ltd (SCS-COC-005667) for wood harvested from third party Blue Gum plantations in the Esperance region of WA. The audit will take place at the SPF Resources Pty Ltd office in Esperance WA with field verification audits of two plantation harvest locations near Esperance and Chip Storage and Loading Facility at the Port of Esperance during the week commencing the 25th of September, 2017.

As part of the FSC certification evaluation, SCS is currently seeking stakeholder input regarding the relevance, effectiveness or adequacy of the SPF Resources Pty Ltd 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-40-004v3.0 and the CW DDS to FSC-STD-40-005 v3.1. Copies of the standards are available from FSC (see below under additional information) or SCS upon request.

The scope of the SPF Resources Pty Ltd FSC CoC and CW certificate includes Blue Gum (eucalyptus globulus) sourced from privately owned properties.

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 SPF Resources Pty Ltd or other topics relevant to the FSC Controlled Wood Standard 40-005v3.1 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 Tuesday the 26th of September, 2017 and stakeholder may submit feedback until the 29th of September 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

Mr. Graeme Lea – SCS FM, CW and COC Senior 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

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**Additional certificate holder information**

1. **SPF Resources Pty Ltd contact person:**
   Sean Hazeldan, Harvest Manager. Email sean@spfibre.com.au

2. **Geographical region of forests and areas used for field Verification audits**
   Private Landowners located near Esperance, Western Australia
   
   For more specific geographic information refer to the document link under Due Diligence System (below), or email Sean Hazeldan at SPF Resources Pty Ltd

3. **Plantation species:**
   Eucalyptus globulus

4. **Public Information provided by SPF Resources Pty Ltd**
   SPF Resources Pty Ltd has published its Due Diligence System including Controlled Wood Public Summary and other documents, which can be downloaded at the following links:
   
   - Controlled Wood Public Summary
     https://www.dropbox.com/s/8n0vmndpr8eb5i7/SCS_COC_TMP_FSCControlledWoodPublicSummary_SPF.doc?dl=0
   - Due Diligence System including Wood Supply Sources and Wood Supply areas
     https://www.dropbox.com/s/ajsd82fdynix0j1/SPF%20Controlled%20Wood%20DDS%202016%20Public%20Version.pdf?dl=0

5. **Approved CW risk assessment prepared by SPF Resources Pty Ltd**
   The company’s FSC CW risk assessment can be found at
   https://www.dropbox.com/s/ajsd82fdynix0j1/SPF%20Controlled%20Wood%20DDS%202016%20Public%20Version.pdf?dl=0
   
   The Risk Assessment is required to be reviewed annually.
   
   For a summary of High Conservation values identified by SPF Resources Pty Ltd, contact Sean Hazeldan, Harvest Manager. Email sean@spfibre.com.au

6. **Areas of the Forest Supplying SPF Resources Pty Ltd**
   Logs included in the company’s controlled wood program are harvested from third party plantation areas in the Esperance Plains Bioregion.


A copy of the FSC Standard to be used (FSC-STD-40-005 v3.1) can be requested from SCS, or found online at: https://au.fsc.org/en-au/standards/controlled-wood