



Rainforest Alliance

Public Briefing Paper for Chain of Custody with Controlled Wood Surveillance Audit of Australian Bluegum Plantations Pty Ltd 24 July 2012

Introduction - The Rainforest Alliance is conducting a chain of custody (CoC) with controlled wood (CW) surveillance audit of Australian Bluegum Plantations (SW-COC-005606) located in Victoria, Australia. The audit will be conducted during the week of 27 August 2012. Stakeholder consultation will be made before, during and after the field work, but prior to completion of a draft report.

Scope of the Certification– The CoC-CW surveillance audit will evaluate the organization's CoC and CW system including High Conservation Value aspects of the forest management units managed by Australian Bluegum Plantations suppliers using FSC standards FSC-STD-40-004 and FSC-STD-40-005.

The forest/woodlots area under the scope of Australian Bluegum Plantations' FSC CoC-CW certificate is located across Western Australia. To obtain a copy of the applicable standards or to make comments about the standards, please contact Rainforest Alliance by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below.

Audit Team Composition – The audit team will be led by Addis Tsehaye (Rainforest Alliance CoC-CW & FM Lead Auditor) and Malory Weston (Rainforest Alliance CoC Auditor)

Audit Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ◆ 24 July 2012 – 26 August 2012: Stakeholder consultation
- ◆ 27 August: Opening meeting with Australian Bluegum Plantations
- ◆ 27 August – 28 August: Field audit of CoC manufacturing facilities and CW suppliers.
- ◆ 28 August: Closing meeting with Australian Bluegum Plantations staff and presentation of preliminary findings. Final data collection.
- ◆ 29 August to 11 September: Production of draft report

Your Input Sought – As a part of the FSC chain of custody with controlled wood surveillance audit process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Australian Bluegum Plantations controlled wood source in relation to the requirements of the

chain of custody standards referenced above. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the audit process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the audit, during the audit, or prior to August 26, 2012 so that we can take them into consideration. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows:

1. Meet with a Rainforest Alliance audit team member during the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Addis Tsehaye (Rainforest Alliance CoC-CW & FM Lead Auditor).
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to Rocky Iskandar the Rainforest Alliance staff person responsible for coordinating this surveillance audit from Asia Pacific Regional Office. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of evaluating Australian Bluegum Plantations.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only the FSC and Rainforest Alliance staff. Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the chain of custody certification process or decision can access Rainforest Alliance's dispute resolution procedures at www.rainforest-alliance.org

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