Introduction - The SmartWood Program of the Rainforest Alliance is conducting a CAR Verification Audit of the Gunns Ltd. FMU in Tasmania.

The purpose of this CVA audit is to evaluate the measures taken by Gunns Ltd to address the pending NCRs (non-conformances) raised at the CW Audit for change of scope finalized in October 2011. At that audit (report publicly available at info.fsc.org) the ability of the FME to supply controlled wood (as defined by FSC-STD-30-010, version 2-0) from its Tasmanian FMU was evaluated. If this CVA Audit 2012 is successful, the FME’s Tasmanian FMU will be added to the organisation’s current certificate SW-CW/FM-005365.

The forest area under the scope of the CVA is the Gunns Ltd Forest Management Unit located in Tasmania, with a total area of approximately 284,573 hectares. The audit team will visit a sample of sites on the 1st and 2nd of March, 2012.

Scope - Continued compliance with the specified controlled wood Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standard for forest management enterprises supplying non FSC-certified controlled wood (FSC-STD-30-010, version 2-0) allows forest management enterprises (FMEs) to provide evidence that the wood they supply has been controlled to avoid wood from the five controversial categories defined by FSC. Controversial categories include wood that is:

1) Illegally harvested;
2) Harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights;
3) Harvested in forest management units in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
4) Harvested in areas in which forests are being converted to plantations or non-forest use; or
5) Harvested from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

FSC-STD-30-010 provides the basic requirements at the forest management unit level to demonstrate that wood from the FME’s forest area(s) is controlled. To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact SmartWood by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below. SmartWood is accredited by the Forest
Stewardship Council (FSC) and this audit process must follow procedures which have been approved by the FSC.

The forest under evaluation contains areas either identified as High Conservation Value Forests or where high conservation values, as defined by the FSC, are likely found. SmartWood evaluates the identification, management and protection of these High Conservation Values and solicits related comments from stakeholders.

**Audit Team Composition** - The audit team will be led by Mr. Addis Tsehaye, (PhD & MSc Forestry) and will also include Mr Shane McCarthy (BSc Zoology, MSc Forestry).

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

- **Audit organization** – The SmartWood team will assemble at the Launceston office, on the 1st of March 2012.
- **Field visits** – The team will visit sites managed by Gunns Ltd during the 1st and 2nd of March, 2012.
- **Stakeholder consultation** – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding Gunns Ltd, forest management in towns surrounding the forest area. This may include private interviews and discussions, and stakeholder meetings.
- **Final audit briefing** – Prior to departure the team will meet with Gunns Ltd managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- **Draft report production** – The audit team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to Gunns Ltd and a minimum of two SW reviewers.

**Your Input Sought** – As a part of the FM CW certification process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on Gunns Limited forest management in relation to the requirements of the forest management CW standard 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, so that we can take them into consideration. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows:

1. Meet with a SmartWood audit team member during or shortly after the fieldwork. Please, contact SmartWood Task Manager Maria R Gismero, the SmartWood person responsible for coordinating this audit from Asia Pacific Regional Office, for arrangements.
2. Call and give comments to Anita Neville, Representative and Communications Advisor for the Rainforest Alliance in Australia. If this person is not in the office, please contact SW Task Manager, Maria R Gismero.
3. Submit written comments by mail, fax or email to Anita Neville. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing Gunns Ltd.

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