Notification of WAPRES Combined FSC®/RW(AFS) Forest Management, FSC®/RW(AFS) CoC, FSC® Controlled Wood and ISO14001 Audit

For your information as a stakeholder or potential stakeholder in WAPRES (WA Plantation Resources) operations:

Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) will soon be conducting an audit of WAPRES against the FSC Forest Management, the FSC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood, RW(AFS) Forest Management, the RW(AFS) Chain of Custody and ISO 14000 Environmental Management Systems standards.

Certification to the FSC Controlled Wood Standard (FSC-STD-40-005-V3-0-EN) verifies that WAPRES avoids:

- Illegally harvested wood
- Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights;
- Wood harvested in forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
- Wood harvested from areas being converted from forests and other wooded ecosystems to plantations or non-forest uses
- Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted

Certification to the FSC Chain of Custody Standard (FSC-STD-40-004 V2-1 EN) verifies production and source of the products. With the main objective of the Chain of Custody certification is to ensure that material from FSC certified and controlled wood forests can be tracked from harvest to distribution.

Certification to the FSC Forest Management Standard (FSC-STD-01-001 V5-2 EN) verifies that WAPRES adheres to the FSC 10 Principles and Criteria:

- Principle 1: Compliance with Laws
  The Organization shall comply with all applicable laws; regulations and nationally-ratified international treaties, conventions and agreements.
- Principle 2: Workers Rights and Employment Conditions
  The Organization shall maintain or enhance the social and economic wellbeing of workers.
- Principle 3: Indigenous Peoples' Rights
  The Organization shall identify and uphold indigenous peoples’ legal and customary rights of ownership, use and management of land, territories and resources affected by management activities
- Principle 4: Community Relations
  The Organization shall contribute to maintaining or enhancing the social and economic wellbeing of local communities.
- Principle 5: Benefits from the Forest
  The Organization shall efficiently manage the range of multiple products and services of the Management Unit to maintain or enhance long-term economic viability and the range of environmental and social benefits
Principle 6: Environmental Values and Impacts
The Organization shall maintain, conserve and/or restore ecosystem services and environmental values of the Management Unit, and shall avoid, repair or mitigate negative environmental impacts.

Principle 7: Management Planning
The Organization shall have a management plan consistent with its policies and objectives and proportionate to scale, intensity and risks of its management activities. The management plan shall be implemented and kept up to date based on monitoring information in order to promote adaptive management. The associated planning and procedural documentation shall be sufficient to guide staff, inform affected stakeholders and interested stakeholders and to justify management decisions.

Principle 8: Monitoring and Assessment
The Organization shall demonstrate that, progress towards achieving the management objectives, the impacts of management activities and the condition of the Management Unit, are monitored and evaluated proportionate to the scale, intensity and risk of management activities, in order to implement adaptive management.

Principle 9: High Conservation Values
The Organization shall maintain and/or enhance the High Conservation Values in the Management Unit through applying the precautionary approach.

Principle 10: Implementation of Management Activities
Management activities conducted by or for The Organization for the Management Unit shall be selected and implemented consistent with The Organization’s economic, environmental and social policies and objectives and in compliance with the Principles and Criteria collectively.

This will be a re-certification of our FSC Forest Management against the SCS Interim Standard for Natural Forest and Plantation Forest Management Certification in Australia. A surveillance audit will be conducted on all other standards listed within this notice.

The audits will include review of a selection of external plantations where WAPRES has sourced wood from privately owned sources within the South West of Western Australia over the past 12 months prior to the audit.


The audit will commence on the week Monday the 3rd of September 2018.

Stakeholder engagement and input is an important component of the audit process. Please direct any feedback to:

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queries can be sent to WAPRES at management.systems@wapres.com.au who will then forward to the appropriate auditor.