



30th November 2018



Public notification letter

To: Interested parties

From: Global-Mark Pty Ltd

Subject: Evaluation of the 'organisation' to *FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood*

'Organisation': Associated Kiln Driers Pty Ltd [AKD Softwoods]

Outline: As part of the evaluation to *FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood*, Global-Mark seeks stakeholder participation. Please supply your comments by email to the contact listed below.

Details: The organisation named above seeks Forest Stewardship Council [FSC] Chain of Custody [CoC] with Controlled Wood [CW] continued certification for their mill operations.

Assessment will be against *FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1*. 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 Supply Units of the supply area at the earliest in the week of Tuesday 11th December 2018.

The organisation is required to maintain a risk mitigation process, which must include stakeholder consultation and possible field verifications as 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 organisation's Due Diligence System [DDS] summarised with other documents [risk assessment, public summary etc.] for stakeholders, available upon request.

This will include description of supply areas, risk designation and assessment, and the procedure for filing complaints. It is also available at: <http://www.global-mark.com.au/en-au/news.aspx>

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

Global-Mark Pty Ltd is accredited as a certification body to conduct FSC chain of custody certification. It is based in Sydney, Australia and its website is www.global-mark.com.au

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We thank you for your involvement.

With kind regards.