Public Notification Letter

To: Interested Parties
From: Scientific Certification Systems
Date: 21 February 2012
Re: Notification of Pending FSC Controlled Wood Evaluation of Marubeni Corporation

Summary:
Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) is conducting a controlled wood (CW) expansion of scope audit of Marubeni Corporation (SCS-COC-000467) for wood sourced from South West Western Australia. The audit will be conducted week commencing 19th of March, 2012 in the Bunbury Region and Perth, WA.

Stakeholder consultation will be made before, during and after the field work, but prior to completion of a draft report.

Scope and Certification Evaluation Process:
Scientific Certification Systems (SCS), a FSC-accredited certification body based in Emeryville, California, will conduct this FSC evaluation.

The CoC-CW expansion of scope Audit will evaluate the organization’s CW system including High Conservation Value aspects of the forest management units managed by suppliers to Marubeni Corporation using FSC standard FSC-STD-40-005 version 2.1

A copy of the standard is available from FSC (see under additional information below) or SCS upon request.

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) Field assessment: A representative sample of field sites and operations within the defined forest area are inspected by a team of auditors;
  d) Stakeholder consultation;
  e) Synthesis of findings: Compliance with the standard is ascertained and the certification decision is formulated;
  f) Reporting: A draft report describing the evaluation process, findings, and certification decision is produced;
  g) Delivery of final certification report;
  h) Certification decision: a public summary of the certification report is released, if certification is awarded.
Call for Public Participation

SCS welcomes comments on the controlled wood source of Marubeni Corporation or other topics relevant to the FSC Controlled Wood Standard 40-005v2.1 against which they are seeking certification.

Comments can be submitted via email, standard mail, or facsimile to our Lead auditor or SCS Technical Associate whose details are listed below. The auditor can make arrangements to allow stakeholders to meet with him during the evaluation upon request.

Stakeholder input will be valuable at any stage of the audit process, but we would prefer to receive your comments prior to or during the audit, or prior to March 23, 2012 so that we can take them into consideration.

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 Vanessa Hayward- Chain of Custody Technical Associate, SCS Natural Resource Division

All comments and sources will be kept in strict confidence at the request of the commenter.

Dates

The field evaluation is scheduled to occur on week commencing 19th of March, 2012 at a date to be confirmed.

SCS will make arrangements to speak with interested parties before, during and following the audit, and will be available to meet during the field verification.

Evaluation Team

The lead auditor will be Mr. Graeme Lea – SCS FM, CW and COC 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.scscertified.com/complaints.php

Additional Information

More information about FSC and SCS can be obtained from www.fsc.org and www.scscertified.com. Information on Marubeni Corporation can be found at www.marubeni.co.jp. A copy of the Standard to be used can be requested from SCS, or found online at:

http://www.fsc.org/fileadmin/web
data/public/document_center/international_FSC_policies/standards/FSC_STD_40_005_V2_1_EN_Company_Evaluation_of_Controlled_Wood.pdf

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