

FSC-STD-30-010

CONTROLLED WOOD

CERTIFICATION EVALUATION REPORT

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Foreword

SCS Global Services (SCS) is a certification body accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council to conduct forest management and chain of custody evaluations. Under the FSC/SCS certification system, forest management operations certified to be in compliance with *FSC-STD-30-010, FSC Controlled Wood Standard for Forest Management Enterprises* may make business-to-business claims that the wood originating from their forests is “controlled” – in other words, it does not fall under any of the following five unacceptable categories:

- 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 areas;
- Wood from forest management units in which genetically modified trees are planted.

SCS deploys interdisciplinary teams of natural resource specialists and other experts in forested regions all over the world to conduct evaluations of forest management. SCS evaluation teams collect and analyze written materials, conduct interviews with forest management entity (FME) staff and key stakeholders, and complete field and office audits of subject forest management units (FMUs) as part of certification evaluations. Upon completion of the fact-finding phase of all evaluations, SCS teams determine conformance to the FSC-STD-30-010, FSC Controlled Wood Standard for Forest Management Enterprises.

Organization of the Report

This report of the results of our evaluation is divided into two sections. Section A provides the public summary and background information that is required by the Forest Stewardship Council. This section is made available to the general public and is intended to provide an overview of the evaluation process, the management programs and policies applied to the forest, and the results of the evaluation. Section A will be posted on the FSC Certificate Database (<http://info.fsc.org/>) no less than 30 days after issue of the certificate. Section B contains more detailed results and information for the use of by the FME.

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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY

1. General Information

1.1 Certificate Registration Information

1.1.1.a Name and Contact Information

Organization name	Forestry Tasmania		
Contact person	[REDACTED]		
Address	79 Melville Street	Telephone	[REDACTED]
	Hobart, Tasmania	Fax	
	7009	e-mail	www.forestrytas.com.au
	Australia	Website	[REDACTED]

1.1.1.b FSC Sales Information

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSC Sales contact information same as above.			
FSC salesperson			
Address		Telephone	
		Fax	
		e-mail	
		Website	

1.1.2 Scope of Certificate

Certificate Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single FMU	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple FMU
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group	
SLIMF (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Small SLIMF certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Low intensity SLIMF certificate
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group SLIMF certificate	
# Group Members (if applicable)		
Number of FMU's in scope of certificate		
Geographic location of non-SLIMF FMU(s)	Latitude & Longitude:	
Forest zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Boreal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temperate
	<input type="checkbox"/> Subtropical	<input type="checkbox"/> Tropical
Total forest area in scope of certificate which is:		Units: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ha or <input type="checkbox"/> ac
privately managed		
state managed	Approximately 750, 000 ha.	
community managed		
Number of FMUs in scope that are:		
less than 100 ha in area	100 - 1000 ha in area	
1000 - 10 000 ha in area	more than 10 000 ha in area	1

Total forest area in scope of certificate which is included in FMUs that:	Units: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ha or <input type="checkbox"/> ac
are less than 100 ha in area	0
are between 100 ha and 1000 ha in area	0
meet the eligibility criteria as <i>low intensity</i> SLIMF FMUs	0
Total Area of Production Forest (i.e forest from which timber may be harvested):	
Approximately 407,000 hectares	
Species in the Scope of the certificate: (<i>Scientific/Latin Name</i> – Common/Trade Name):	
Eucalyptus nitens (plantation) Eucalyptus globulus (plantation) Pinus radiata (plantation)	

1.1.3 FSC Product Classification

Timber products		
Product Level 1	Product Level 2	Species
W1 Rough Wood	W1.1 Roundwood (logs)	<i>Eucalyptus sp.</i> (multiple native forest species) <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i> (plantation) <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (plantation) <i>Pinus radiata</i> (plantation)
W3 Wood in chips or particles	W3.1 Wood chips	<i>Eucalyptus sp.</i> (multiple native forest species) <i>Eucalyptus nitens</i> (plantation) <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (plantation) <i>Pinus radiata</i> (plantation)
Non-Timber Forest Products		
Product Level 1	Product Level 2	Product Level 3 and Species
Nil		
	N6.2 Grasses, ferns, mosses and lichens	Manferns (<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>)
	N6.3 Whole trees or plants	Christmas trees
	N9.5 Fruits	Pepperberries
	N9.8 Honey	Honey

1.2 Areas Outside of the Scope of Certification (Partial Certification and Excision)

<input type="checkbox"/> N/A – All forestland owned or managed by the applicant is included in the scope.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The applicant owns and/or manages other FMUs not under evaluation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant wishes to excise portions of the FMU(s) under evaluation from the scope of certification.	
Explanation for exclusion of FMUs and/or excision:	<p>Areas which are not within FTs long term management control are excluded from the FMU. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Areas currently legislated as Future Reserve Land (tranche 1 and 2) as harvesting is not permitted within these areas and they will be progressively transferred out of FTs management control. Note: Subsequent to the audit and preparation of the first draft of this report, these lands were removed from Forestry Tasmania's management responsibility and reclassified

	<p>as “future potential production forest.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Areas where long term forestry rights have been transferred to other forest managers – i.e., Norske Skog and Timberlands Pacific (who have FSC FM certification). ■ Areas where there are third-party property rights – leases, registered forestry rights – and FT does not have management control. ■ Wood production areas of the Buckland Military Training Area where FT does not have full forest management control. ■ Zones around waterbodies where FT has salvage rights for native pines, but does not have full management control. 	
Control measures to prevent mixing of certified and non-certified product:	These areas are clearly identified on maps and any product from these areas will be physically separated from certified product, were FT to achieve FM and/or CW certification. FT’s sales system presently manages CoC requirements.	
Description of FMUs excluded from or forested area excised from the scope of certification:		
Name of FMU or Stand	Location (city, state, country)	Size (<input type="checkbox"/> ha or <input type="checkbox"/> ac)
See above list of excluded forested areas		

1.3 Standards Used

1.3.1 Applicable FSC-Accredited Standards

Title	Version	Date of Finalization
FSC-STD-30-010, FSC Controlled Wood Standard for Forest Management Enterprises	2.0	October 4, 2006
All standards employed are available on the websites of FSC International (www.fsc.org), the FSC-US (www.fscus.org) or the SCS Standards page (www.scsglobalservices.com/certification-standards-and-program-documents). Standards are also available, upon request, from SCS Global Services (www.SCSGlobalServices.com).		

1.4 Conversion Table English Units to Metric Units

Length Conversion Factors		
To convert from	To	multiply by
Mile (US Statute)	Kilometer (km)	1.609347
Foot (ft)	Meter (m)	0.3048
Yard (yd)	Meter (m)	0.9144
Area Conversion Factors		
To convert from	To	multiply by
Square foot (sq ft)	Square meter (m ²)	0.09290304
Acre (ac)	Hectare (ha)	0.4047
Volume Conversion Factors		
To convert from	To	multiply by
Cubic foot (cu ft)	Cubic meter (m ³)	0.02831685

Gallon (gal)	Liter (l)	4.546
Quick reference		
1 acre	= 0.404686 ha	
1,000 acres	= 404.686 ha	
1 board foot	= 0.00348 cubic meters	
1,000 board feet	= 3.48 cubic meters	
1 cubic foot	= 0.028317 cubic meters	

2. Certification Evaluation Process

2.1 Evaluation Schedule and Team

2.1.1 Evaluation Itinerary and Activities

Note: The following itinerary and activities were designed as a dual/concurrent certification evaluation against two separate FSC standards: *FSC-STD-30-010 (Controlled Wood)* and the *SCS/FSC Interim Standard for Natural Forest and Plantation Forest Management Certification in Australia*. For both FSC Standards, the geographic scope of the conformity assessment was the full commercial forest management estate managed by Forestry Tasmania, approximately 750,000 hectares.

Date: December 4th, 2014	
FMU / Location / sites visited	Activities /Notes
Southern region, Huon – 'AR016B', native forest	Planning and monitoring of clear fall operation Interview harvesting contractor Interview Forestry Tasmania district field staff
Southern region, Huon – 'AR048H', native forest	Regeneration monitoring on clear fall coupe Interview Forestry Tasmania district field staff
Southern region, Huon – Warra flux tower	Inspect long-term ecological research site Silvicultural systems trial researching alternatives to clear falling in wet eucalypt forests Interview Forestry Tasmania research staff
Date: December 5th, 2014	
FMU / Location / Sites visited	Activities /Notes
Southern region, Huon – 'DN014A', native forest	Road construction to access clear fall coupe Interview Forestry Tasmania district field staff
Southern region, Huon – 'FN027B', native forest	Tracking of coupe in preparation for regeneration burning Interview Forestry Tasmania district field staff Interview contractor
Southern region, Huon – 'FN023B', native forest	Planning and monitoring of clear fall operation Interview harvesting contractor Interview Forestry Tasmania district field staff
Southern region, Huon – 'HP002E/F', <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> plantation	Planning and monitoring of production thinning operation Interview harvesting contractor Interview Forestry Tasmania district field staff
Southern region, Huon – 'KD019D', native forest	Aggregated retention method of harvesting Recognition and management of HCVs Inspect with a group of stakeholders

	Interview stakeholders
Southern region, Huon – 'KD022E', native forest	Cable logging planning and operation Recognition and management of HCVs (e.g. Swift Parrot) and other environmental values. Inspect with a group of stakeholders Interview stakeholders
Southern region, Huon – 'KD040D', native forest	Harvest planning Recognition and management of HCVs, particularly old growth and other environmental values. Inspect with a group of stakeholders Interview stakeholders
Southern region, Huon – 'KD018A', native forest	Planning and monitoring of native forest clearfall operation Recognition, management and monitoring of HCVs Inspect with a group of stakeholders Interview stakeholders Interview harvesting contractor
Southern region, Huon – Forestry Tasmania Geeveston Office	Management of apiary sites Interview Forestry Tasmania district field staff
Southern region, Derwent 'E036B', native forest	Interview harvesting contractor Review partial harvest site and log landing Visit buffer zone areas Discuss harvest methods and tree selection process
Southern region, Derwent 'F0002D, native forest	Clear fall operation of regrowth forest from previously logged area Interview harvesting contractor 'bush boss' Review Forest Practices Plan (FPP) and interview FT Forest officer Visit class 4 stream alongside harvest area Visit log landing and 'fallout' landing sites Discuss harvest methods, yields and log utilization with harvesting contractor
Southern region, Derwent, 'WW013E', native forest	Interview harvest contractor Review FPP with contractor Reviewed operational mapping showing an eagle nest approximately 1 kilometer outside the harvest area, discuss HCV practices in relation to this with the contractor. Review buffer zones and wildlife habitat strips also shown on operational maps.
Southern region, Derwent, RP022D, native forest	This area harvested in 2012 and logging debris burnt in April 2014. Aerially re-sown with <i>E. delegatensis</i> and <i>E. regnans</i> species seed in April 2014. Pest control undertaken since that time Interviewed pest control operator Reviewed Forest Operational Plan (FOP) for mammal browsing Visited buffer zone alongside cultural heritage area (convict track).
Southern region, Derwent, 'TY020E' plantation forest	Visit waste thinning using stem injection Interviewed contractor regarding HS&E processes and training. Reviewed coupe documentation and FPP
Southern region, Derwent,	Interviewed machine operator contractor

'TY034A' Road construction	Inspected buffer zones and documentation used by contractors
Date: December 6th, 2014	
FMU / Location / sites visited	Activities /Notes
Forestry Tasmania Office, Hobart	All audit team attended various staff presentations and carried out documentation reviews Interview Forestry Tasmania staff from Hobart office
Date: December 7th, 2014	
FMU / Location / sites visited	Activities /Notes
Forestry Tasmania Office, Hobart	Staff presentations and documentation reviews Interview Forestry Tasmania staff from Hobart office
Northern region, Bass – 'SA124C', native forest	Cable logging operation Recognition and management of HCVs Inspect with a group of stakeholders Interview stakeholders
Northern region, Bass – [REDACTED]	Interview stakeholder
Northern region,	Travel to Smithton (NW Tasmania)
Date: December 8th, 2014	
FMU / Location / sites visited	Activities /Notes
Forestry Tasmania Perth Office, Northern region	Interview Forestry Tasmania staff from Northern region Meet with groups of stakeholders Interview stakeholders
Forestry Tasmania office Smithton, Northern region	Meet FT staff from Northern region, Smithton office
Northern region, Murchison, 'SR028C' native forest	Visit clear fall in mature age re growth native forest Interview harvesting contractor principal Review FPP and associated documentation Inspect buffer zones and log landing. Interview FT Forest Officer responsible for this harvest operation.
Northern region, Murchison, 'SR026C' native forest	Visit clear fall harvest area Interview harvesting contractor principal in relation to company processes in place for heritage site and HCV identification and protection
Northern region, Murchison, SR027H' plantation forest	Visit silviculture contractor crew carrying out 3rd lift pruning operation Interview contractor principal and also the operational crew boss. Visit pruning area with crew boss.
Northern region, Murchison, 'SE024E' native forest	Inspect browsing monitoring indicator plot located in harvested, burnt and re sown coupe Interviewed FT staff in relation to monthly height assessment monitoring carried out in this coupe
Northern region, Murchison, 'SR036A' Swamp blackwood coupe	Inspect fenced and protected Swamp Blackwood (<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>) trees. Interview fencing and pest control contractors responsible for regular monitoring. Inspect stream crossing point and animal escape points in fenced area

	Interview FT staff responsible for management of this coupe.
Northern region, Murchison, 'DP031A' native forest	Visit harvested area being prepared for burning of harvest debris Interview machine contractor operator in relation to his role in land preparation Inspect buffer zones being established prior to controlled burn being carried out Verified machinery exclusion zone around mineral slurry supply pipeline that crosses this coupe.
Northern region, Murchison, 'NH001B' plantation forest	Visit silvicultural contractor carrying out waste thinning by applying stem injection. Interview contractor principal in relation to HS&E procedures, chemical handling procedures, container disposal, and worker qualifications used on site Review FPP and associated documentation including Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) chemical being used
	Return to Launceston and meet audit team
Date: December 9th, 2014	
FMU / Location / sites visited	Activities/Notes
Forestry Tasmania Office, Hobart	Further staff presentations and documentation reviews Interview stakeholders Interview Forestry Tasmania staff from Hobart offices Audit team sequesters to compile audit findings
	CLOSING MEETING
	Auditors depart

2.1.2 Total Time Spent on Evaluation

A. Number of audit team days spent on-site in December 2014 assessing the applicant:	6
B. Number of auditors participating in on-site evaluation:	4
C. Number of audit team days spent on-site in December 2015 assessing the applicant:	3
D. Number of auditors participating in the December 2015 on-site evaluation:	1
E. Additional days spent on preparation, stakeholder consultation, and post-site follow-up:	12
F. Total number of person days used in evaluation:	39¹

2.1.3 Evaluation Team

Auditor Name:	Graeme Lea	Auditor role:	Team Auditor, Forester
Qualifications: Graeme is a Lead Auditor for FSC FM and a Senior Lead Auditor for CoC/CW and has 30 years' experience in forestry in New Zealand and Australia, is qualified as a Forest Service Woodsman and has been involved in many aspects of forestry, including establishment, silviculture, harvesting, sawmilling, processing, exporting and bio-security. Graeme gained a NZQA National certificate in Forest Product Inspection while working in New Zealand, and has been a qualified Quality Management auditor for approximately ten years. In addition Graeme has also undertaken ISO 14001 training. Graeme moved to Adelaide South Australia four years ago and since that time has taken part in Forest Management,			

¹ With the exception of the three-day follow-up site visit conducted by one of the audit team members in December 2015, this total number of auditor days was expended in concurrently assessing Forestry Tasmania's operations against both the FM and CW standards.

Controlled Wood and Chain of Custody audits and assessments, but has also undertaken Controlled Wood auditing in Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. Graeme has been part of more than twenty five teams for Forest Management audits in both exotic and indigenous forests and has also carried out in excess of 100 Chain of Custody audits.			
Auditor Name:	Robert J. Hrubes, Ph.D.	Auditor role:	Lead Auditor
Qualifications:	Dr. Hrubes is a California registered professional forester (#2228) and forest economist with over 35 years of professional experience in both private and public forest management issues. He is presently Executive Vice-President of SCS Global Services. Dr. Hrubes has previously led numerous audits under the SCS Forest Conservation Program of North American public forest, industrial forest ownerships and non-industrial forests, as well as operations in Scandinavia, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand. Dr. Hrubes holds graduate degrees in forest economics (Ph.D.), economics (M.A.) and resource systems management (M.S.) from the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Michigan. His professional forestry degree (B.S.F. with double major in Outdoor Recreation) was awarded from Iowa State University. He was employed for 14 years, in a variety of positions ranging from research forester to operations research analyst to planning team leader, by the USDA Forest Service. Upon leaving federal service, he entered private consulting from 1988 to 2000. He has been Executive V.P. at SCS since February, 2000.		
Auditor Name:	Hugh T.L. Stewart, PhD.	Auditor role:	Auditor, Social Scientist
Qualifications:	Dr. Hugh Thomas Lindsay Stewart, PhD, MSc Forestry, BSc Forestry, Diploma of Forestry. Hugh has over 40 years of professional experience in both the public and private forestry sectors. He has worked for the Forests Service of the Victorian Government for 18 years, as a Forestry Research Scientist in Zimbabwe, with the Victorian Plantations Corporation, and with the Treecorp Group as a Forest Resources Manager. He is a distinguished social scientist having key areas of expertise in plantation development and management, forestry due diligence and auditing, the planning, management, and conduct of research and development as well as the social dimensions of private forestry and stakeholder engagement in natural resource management. As the principal of Hugh Stewart Consulting, he has combined commercial expertise with substantial knowledge of forest science to focus on providing services to improve management and financial outcomes for forest resources and the socio-economic outcomes for dependent communities.		
Auditor Name:	Rod Kavanagh, Ph.D.	Auditor role:	Auditor, Ecologist
Qualifications:	Dr Kavanagh is an ecological consultant with 35 years professional experience as a senior wildlife research scientist working in a State Government forestry agency (State Forests of NSW). He is currently Principal Research Ecologist with Niche Environment and Heritage Pty Ltd where he has been for the past three years. Dr Kavanagh's expertise is in assessments of the impacts of forest management practices (fire and logging) on fauna and flora, ecology of forest-dependent fauna, species distribution-habitat modelling, development of landscape-scale management prescriptions for threatened fauna, development of landscape-scale procedures for biodiversity monitoring, development of methods for sampling cryptic fauna and for detecting pest and prey responses to predator control, and assessments of the role of eucalypt plantings and nest boxes in restoring habitat for wildlife. He has undertaken research fellowships in Sweden, Finland, Canada and USA investigating forest biodiversity monitoring programs in those countries. He was a member and chair of the national		

	<p>forest wildlife research working group which included wildlife scientists from each of the Australian state forest management agencies. From 2009-2011 he was a member of the NSW Scientific Committee responsible for assessing and listing the status of threatened species under the NSW <i>Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995</i>. Dr Kavanagh holds diplomas and degrees in agricultural science, natural resources (wildlife management), MSc (forest ecology) and PhD (conservation biology) from Hawkesbury Agricultural College, University of New England, Australian National University and the University of Sydney. He has published more than 80 papers in refereed Australian and international scientific journals.</p>
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2.2 Evaluation of Management System

2.2.1 Methodology and Strategies Employed

SCS deploys interdisciplinary teams with expertise in forestry, social sciences, natural resource economics, and other relevant fields to assess an FME's conformance to the FSC Controlled Wood Standard and policies. Evaluation methods include document and record review, implementing sampling strategies to visit a broad number of forest cover and harvest prescription types, observation of implementation of management plans and policies in the field, and stakeholder analysis. When there is more than one team member, team members may review parts of the standards based on their background and expertise. On the final day of an evaluation, team members convene to deliberate the findings of the assessment jointly. This involves an analysis of all relevant field observations, stakeholder comments, and reviewed documents and records. Where consensus between team members cannot be achieved due to lack of evidence, conflicting evidence or differences of interpretation of the standards, the team is instructed to report these in the certification decision section and/or in observations.

2.3 Stakeholder Consultation Process

Note: If the box, below, is checked then this section of the report is not applicable. If not checked, a summary of the stakeholder consultation activities undertaken by SCS as part of the certification audit is presented.

Public stakeholder consultation was NOT required for FME to pursue CW/FM certification (FME consists only of SLIMF operations). Any stakeholder interviews that occurred as part of the evaluation are documented as evidence in Section B of the report.

In accordance with SCS protocols, consultation with key stakeholders is an integral component of the Controlled Wood evaluation process. Stakeholder consultation takes place prior to, concurrent with, and following field evaluations. A public notice was sent to stakeholders at least one month prior to the CW/FM evaluation notifying them of the audit and soliciting comments. Distinct purposes of such consultation include:

1. To solicit input from affected parties as to the strengths and weaknesses of the FME’s management, relative to the Controlled Wood standard, and the nature of the interaction between the company and the surrounding communities.
2. To solicit input on whether the forest management operation has consulted with stakeholders regarding identifying any high conservation value forests (HCVFs).

The names and contact information of stakeholders offering comment are considered confidential unless they expressly authorize their names to be made available. Records of persons contacted and comments received are kept on file in the SCS offices, in Emeryville, California, USA.

FME has not received any stakeholder comments from interested parties as a result of stakeholder outreach activities during this evaluation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Summary of Stakeholder Comments and Responses from the Team, Where Applicable

Note: The FSC-STD-30-010 Controlled Wood certification evaluation was conducted concurrently with the evaluation of Forestry Tasmania against the *SCS/FSC Interim Standard for Natural Forest and Plantation Forest Management Certification in Australia*. Most of the subject matter of the CW Standard overlaps with the FM Standard. As such, the audit team’s responses to stakeholder comments received relative to the CW Standard are drawn from the responses presented in the companion FM certification evaluation report.

CW Category	Stakeholder Comment	SCS Audit Team Response
1. Illegally harvested wood.	No comments received	
2. Wood harvested in violation of traditional and civil rights.	No comments received	
3. Wood harvested in forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities.	Harvesting activities are adversely impacting high conservation values.	<p>The audit team extensively examined FT’s forest management policies and practices relative to the requirements for identifying and protecting/enhancing high conservation values that exist on their estate. The audit team concluded that FT does not presently comply with this CW Category.</p> <p>See Major CAR 2014.5</p> <p>A detailed discussion of non-conformities in FT’s forest management policies, procedures and practices relative to the identification and protection/enhancement of high conservation values present on their forest estate can be found in the companion certification evaluation report focusing on the applicable</p>

		FSC forest management (FM) Standard, specifically with regard to Principal 9 of that Standard. ²
	The HCV assessment process was inadequate.	The audit team concludes that FT’s HCV assessment process is not in adequate conformance with this Controlled Wood Category. See Major CAR 2014.5 A detailed discussion of non-conformities in FT’s forest management policies, procedures and practices relative to the identification and protection/enhancement of high conservation values present on their forest estate can be found in the companion certification evaluation report focusing on the applicable FSC forest management (FM) Standard, specifically with regard to Principal 9 of that Standard. ³
4. Wood harvested from areas being converted from forests and other wooded ecosystems to plantations or non-forest uses.	No comments received	FT is not engaging in conversion of forests and other wooded ecosystems to plantations or non-forest uses.
5. Wood from FMUs in which genetically modified trees are planted	No comments received	FT does not use any GMO plant species/materials.
6. Other FSC standards and policies or SCS requirements	No comments received	

3. Results of the Evaluation

3.1 Process of Determining Conformance

3.1.1 Structure of Standard and Degrees of Non-Conformance

Consistent with SCS Forest Conservation Program evaluation protocols, the team collectively determines whether or not the subject forest management operation is in conformance with every applicable

² The audit team refers the reader to the companion Forest Management (FM) certification evaluation report on the understanding that Forestry Tasmania is making the full FM and CW reports publicly available.

³ *Ibid.*

indicator of the Controlled Wood Standard. Each non-conformance must be evaluated to determine whether it constitutes a major or minor non-conformance at the level of the associated Indicator.

Corrective action requests (CARs) are issued for every instance of a non-conformance. Major non-conformances trigger Major CARs and minor non-conformances trigger Minor CARs.

3.1.2 Interpretations of Major CARs, Minor CARs and Observations

Major CARs: Major non-conformances, either alone or in combination with non-conformances of all other applicable indicators, result (or are likely to result) in a fundamental failure to achieve the objectives of the relevant Controlled Wood requirement. These are corrective actions that must be resolved or closed out before a certificate can be awarded. If Major CARs arise after an operation is certified, FSC requires immediate suspension or withdrawal of a CW/FM certificate. Certification is contingent on the certified FME’s response to the CAR.

Minor CARs: These are corrective action requests in response to minor non-conformances, which are typically limited in scale or can be characterized as an unusual lapse in the system. Corrective actions must be closed out within a specified time period of award of the certificate.

Observations: These are subject areas where the audit team concludes that there is conformance, but future non-conformance may result due to inaction. Action on observations is voluntary and does not affect the maintenance of the certificate. However, observations can become CARs if performance with respect to the indicator(s) triggering the observation falls into non-conformance.

3.1.3 Major Non-Conformities

<input type="checkbox"/>	No major CARs were issued to the FME during the evaluation. Any minor CARs from previous surveillance audits have been reviewed and closed prior to the issuance of a certificate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Major CARs were issued to the FME during the evaluation, which have all been closed to the satisfaction of the audit team and meet the requirements of the standards. Any minor CARs from previous surveillance audits have been reviewed and closed prior to the issuance of a certificate.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Major CARs were issued to the FME during the evaluation and the FME has not yet satisfactorily closed all major CARs.

3.1.4 Initial Corrective Action Requests and Observations

Finding Number: CAR 2014.1	
Select one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Minor CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Observation	
FMU CAR/OBS issued to (when more than one FMU):	
Deadline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-condition to certification <input type="checkbox"/> 3 months from Issuance of Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Next audit (surveillance or re-evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/> Other deadline (specify): N/A
FSC CW Indicator:	1.1

Non-Conformity: During documentation review, the auditors found that FT has not yet developed written procedures and/or work instructions that cover all elements of the CW Standard, including chain of custody procedures found in Appendix 3.	
Corrective Action Request: FT must develop and convey to SCS written procedures and/or work instructions that fully address all elements of the Standard, FSC-STD-30-010.	
FME Response <i>(including any evidence submitted)</i>	
SCS Review	
Status of CAR:	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Upgraded to Major <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other decision (refer to description above)</i>

Finding Number: CAR 2014.2	
Select one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Minor CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Observation	
FMU CAR/OBS issued to (when more than one FMU):	
Deadline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-condition to certification <input type="checkbox"/> 3 months from Issuance of Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Next audit (surveillance or re-evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/> Other deadline (specify): N/A
FSC CW Indicator:	1.2
Non-Conformity: FT has not identified and recorded the person or position responsible for implementing each procedure and/or work instruction needed for demonstrating conformance to this Standard.	
Corrective Action Request: FT must convey to SCS a table containing the person or position that will be responsible for implementing each procedure and/or work instruction developed for demonstrating conformance to this Standard.	
FME Response <i>(including any evidence submitted)</i>	
SCS Review	
Status of CAR:	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Upgraded to Major <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other decision (refer to description above)</i>

Finding Number: CAR 2014.3	
Select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Major CAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Observation	
FMU CAR/OBS issued to (when more than one FMU):	
Deadline	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-condition to certification <input type="checkbox"/> 3 months from Issuance of Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Next audit (surveillance or re-evaluation) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other deadline (specify): Prior to issuance of first invoice for sale of FSC CW material.
FSC CW Indicator:	1.4
Non-Conformity: As FT is not yet certified, it is unable to provide evidence that it is generating and issuing invoices for the sale of FSC CW-certified wood products, meeting all of the content requirements of this Indicator.	
Corrective Action Request: Following award of CW certification but prior to execution of its first sale of FSC CW-certified wood products (after attainment of certification), FT must submit to SCS a draft invoice for this first sale for review and confirmation that it meets all of the content requirements of CW Indicator 1.4.	
FME Response <i>(including any evidence submitted)</i>	
SCS Review	
Status of CAR:	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Upgraded to Major <input type="checkbox"/> Other decision (refer to description above)

Finding Number: CAR 2014.4	
Select one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Minor CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Observation	
FMU CAR/OBS issued to (when more than one FMU):	
Deadline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-condition to certification <input type="checkbox"/> 3 months from Issuance of Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Next audit (surveillance or re-evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/> Other deadline (specify):
FSC CW Indicator:	2.3
Non-Conformity: If the entire FT estate is not covered by the scope of a CW certificate, the company has not yet but will need to institute a tracking system to assure that only wood from within the scope of the certificate can carry a CW claim.	

Conformity Action Request: Forestry Tasmania must institute a tracking system to assure that only wood from within the geographic scope of the CW certificate can carry a CW product claim.	
FME Response <i>(including any evidence submitted)</i>	The following documents were included In the additional evidence provided by FT following the field audit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chain of Custody procedures (dated November 2014) • Coupe start up with docket use • Delivery arrangement 140291 stating AFS claim • Delivery Arrangements 142292 without AFS claim • Log delivery docket 7095177 stating AFS claim • Example woodchip packing Slip stating AFS claim • Example of certification status check of coupe showing operation is within FT's AFS defined forest area • Sales invoices by weight and volume • Forest Produce weighbridge Docket 945501 stating AFS Claim
SCS Review	Prior to the report being finalized FT provided the above documentation which was reviewed by the auditor and which provides sufficient evidence to ensure FT now has in place procedures for the tracking of certified products to the forest gate. The CoC procedures combined with the documents listed above are considered sufficient to comply with the requirements of FSC CW Indicator 2.3. Accordingly, this Finding is now closed.
Status of CAR:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Upgraded to Major <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other decision (refer to description above)</i>

Finding Number: CAR 2014.5	
Select one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Minor CAR <input type="checkbox"/> Observation	
FMU CAR/OBS issued to (when more than one FMU):	
Deadline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-condition to certification <input type="checkbox"/> 3 months from Issuance of Final Report <input type="checkbox"/> Next audit (surveillance or re-evaluation) <input type="checkbox"/> Other deadline (specify): N/A
FSC CW Indicators:	5.1 & 5.2
Non-Conformity: Recorded evidence provided by Forestry Tasmania does not adequately demonstrate compliance with Indicators 5.1 & 5.2., that high conservation values present on the FMU are not being threatened by forest management activities.	

Corrective Action Request:	
FT must provide additional evidence demonstrating that forest management activities on the FMU do not threaten high conservation values (Criterion 5.1). Evidence must include records of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ecological, environmental and social assessments focusing on high conservation values consultation with stakeholders in relationship to precautionary measures FT is employing or intending to employ to avoid threats to high conservation values in list form, high conservation values thus far identified on the FMU. 	
FME Response <i>(including any evidence submitted)</i>	
SCS Review	
Status of CAR:	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Upgraded to Major <input type="checkbox"/> Other decision (refer to description above)

4. Certification Decision

Certification Recommendation	
FME be awarded FSC Controlled Wood certification subject to the minor corrective action requests stated in Section 3.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The SCS evaluation team makes the above recommendation for certification based on the full and proper execution of the SCS Forest Conservation Program evaluation protocols. If certification is recommended, the FME has satisfactorily demonstrated the following without exception:	
FME has addressed any Major CAR(s) assigned during the evaluation.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FME has demonstrated that their system of management is capable of ensuring that all of the requirements of the applicable standards are met over the forest area covered by the scope of the evaluation.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FME has demonstrated that the described system of management is being implemented consistently over the forest area covered by the scope of the certificate.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Comments: Upon closure of the Major CARs that were raised by the audit team following the CW certification evaluation, the audit team will recommend that FSC Controlled Wood (FSC-STD-30-010) certification be awarded to Forestry Tasmania.	

SECTION B – APPENDICES (CONFIDENTIAL)

Appendix 1 – Selection of FMUs for Evaluation

FME consists of a single FMU

FME consists of multiple FMUs or is a Group

SCS staff establishes the design and level of sampling prior to each group or multiple FMU evaluation according to FSC-STD-20-007. A list of the FMUs sampled and the rationale behind their selection is listed below.

Appendix 2 – List of Stakeholders Consulted

List of FME Staff Consulted

Name	Title	Contact Information (note: contact information maintained in the project file at SCS Headquarters)	Consultation Method
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]

List of Other Stakeholders Consulted

Name	Organization	Contact Information (note: contact information maintained in the project file at SCS Headquarters)	Consultation Method
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]

Appendix 3 – Additional Evaluation Techniques Employed

No additional evaluation techniques were employed during this evaluation. As stated earlier in this report, the CW conformity assessment was conducted concurrently with the SCS audit team’s assessment of FT’s conformity to the FSC Forest Management (FM) Standard. Under normal circumstances (i.e., an audit exclusively focused on the FSC-STD-30-010-Controlled Wood) the CW audit would not have been as intensive, as measured by the number of auditor days expended and the number of stakeholders consulted.

Appendix 4 – Certification Standard Conformance Table

C= Conformance with Criterion or Indicator

NC= Non-Conformance with Criterion or Indicator

NA= Not Applicable

Subject Area/Requirement	C/NC	Observation/CAR
Subject Area 1: Quality Management - System Requirements & Supplying FSC Controlled Wood		
<i>System Requirements</i>		
1.1. The Forest Management Enterprise shall have procedures and/or work instructions covering all the applicable elements specified in this standard.	NC	Forestry Tasmania presented a set of procedures that did not cover all procedures/or work instructions. There were multiple missing elements including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • naming the person responsible for implementing these procedures • Significant issues related to information required on sales documents • Lack of an adequate tracking system to assure that only wood from within the scope of the CW certificate can carry a CW product claim. • Significant issues related to harvesting procedures and possible threats to high conservation values within the estate <p>(Major CAR 2014.1)</p>
1.2. The Forest Management Enterprise shall identify the person (or position) responsible for implementing each procedure and/or work instruction.	NC	While a FT manager had been informally identified as the person responsible for implementation of the CW procedures, this was not adequately described in the CW procedures. <p>(Major CAR 2014.2)</p>
1.3. The Forest Management Enterprise shall ensure that where stakeholder consultation is required by the Forest Management Enterprise in relation to implementation of	C	The Forest Management Act 2013 provides that, so long as it does not impact FT’s capacity to produce timber, FT is required to provide reasonable access for other uses. FT has consulted with stakeholders

<p>this standard, procedures for consultation include at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) key stakeholders shall be identified and invited to participate in the consultation with sufficient prior notice; b) excluded groups shall be given particular attention when identifying interested or affected parties; <i>Intent: The company shall identify particular groups that might be affected by forest operations and for particular reasons do not have equal opportunities to access relevant information (for example illiterate people)</i> c) the consultation process shall be opened to parties claiming an interest in or affected by implementation of this standard; d) all identified parties shall be provided with access to sufficient information e) Forest Management Enterprise shall maintain records to demonstrate the completeness of their consultation process <i>Note: the Forest Management Enterprise shall consider guidance that may be provided by FSC International, FSC regional offices, or by FSC accredited national initiatives in relation to interpreting the requirements of FSC-STD-30-010 in a particular national or sub-national context</i> f) The Forest Management Enterprise shall be responsive to stakeholder questions or concerns. 		<p>and local communities and identified legal and customary tenure or use rights. Documentation in which these were described exists and was reviewed by the audit team in FT's offices (e.g., 'Forest Management Plan 2014', 'Property Rights database', 'Property Lease Procedures 2008'). FT has conducted a social impact evaluation that is documented in the 'Social Impact Evaluation of Forestry Tasmania's Forest Management Activities 2014' document that was reviewed by the audit team. It is the understanding of the audit team that FT will periodically conduct such social impact evaluations, going forward.</p> <p>The documented 'Complaints Policy 2014' and 'Dispute Resolution Process 2014' provide procedures for conflict resolution. A documented 'Litigation Status Update 20/11/2014' indicates that procedures are being implemented. The Board of FT reviews complaints from stakeholders every two months.</p>
<p><i>Supplying FSC Controlled Wood</i></p>		
<p>1.4. The Forest Management Enterprise shall include the following information on all invoices issued for sales of FSC Controlled Wood products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the name and address of the buyer; b) the date on which the invoice was issued; c) description of the product; d) the quantity of the products sold; e) reference to the product's batch and/or to related shipping documentation, f) sufficient to link the invoice to the goods received by the customer; 	<p>NC</p>	<p>Forestry Tasmania did provide copies of sales invoices at the time of and following the field audit, but since FT is not yet CW certified, these copies of invoices do not provide evidence of conformance with this Indicator. Discussions with FT personnel revealed that there is an adequate understanding of the company's obligations with regard to invoicing if and when it were to attain CW certification and begin to make CW product claims to customers. But since the audit team was not able to review invoices for the sale of FSC CW material, we request that FT send its first CW</p>

<p>g) the certification code issued by an FSC accredited Certification Body.</p>		<p>invoice to SCS for review prior to executing its first sales of CW product.</p> <p>(Minor CAR 2014.3)</p>
<p>1.5. Invoices and shipping documents for sale of controlled wood shall always include the claim “FSC Controlled Wood”. Where sale or transport documents cover a consignment of both controlled and uncontrolled wood it shall specify which products are sold or transported as “FSC Controlled Wood”.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>This is the evaluation and there have been no sales of FSC Controlled Wood. This will be assessed at the first surveillance audit.</p>
<p>1.6. The Forest Management Enterprise shall ensure that claims in relation to FSC Controlled Wood meet the requirements specified in appendix 3 of this standard.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>As this is the evaluation and there has been no sales of Controlled wood this was not assessed</p>
<p>Subject Area 2: Specification of Scope of Evaluation</p>		
<p>2.1. The Forest Management Enterprise shall specify the Forest Management Units (FMUs) under its management.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>Forestry Tasmania has provided maps and documentation showing the wider FMU's under its control. The FMU is also set out in some detail with the Forest Management Plan.</p>
<p>2.2. The Forest Management Enterprise shall specify the FMUs to be included in the scope of evaluation for compliance with this standard.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>FT provided an accurate statement of scope describing what lands are to be included in the CW certification prior to commencement of the audit.</p>
<p>2.3. If any FMU under the control of the Forest Management Enterprise is not included in the scope of evaluation for compliance with this standard, then the Forest Management Enterprise shall implement a tracking system to ensure wood from FMUs included in the scope of the standard to be reliably identified as such.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>The entire FT estate is included in the scope of this CW audit, though there is a possibility that only a portion of the FT estate will go forward to achieve CW certification. On that possibility, FT has developed tracking procedures to ensure wood only from those lands covered by a CW certificate can carry a CW claim. Documentation of those procedures was not considered to be adequate at the time of the field audit.</p> <p>(Major CAR 2014.4)</p> <p>Note: On the basis of additional information made available following the field audit, the audit team concludes that this CAR can be closed but still remain a part of the record.</p>
<p>Subject Area 3: Illegally Harvested Wood</p>		
<p>3.1. All harvesting shall take place in compliance with all laws applicable to harvesting in the jurisdiction in accordance with the criteria outlined in Table 1.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>All harvesting and other forest management operations in Tasmania are governed by an independent statutory body, (The Forest practices Authority), that administers the Tasmanian forest practices system on both public and private land. The auditors reviewed a significant number of</p>

			<p>prepared Forest Practices Plans (FPP's) during site visits that are prepared to meet all FPA requirements. The FPP is comprehensive plan that contains all harvesting requirements, data base search results, operational maps and also include prescriptions for protection of natural and cultural values.</p> <p>FPP's are not approved until all legal and regulatory requirements have been complied with.</p>
<p>3.2. All species, qualities and quantities shall be classified and measured according to legally prescribed or acceptable standards. <i>Intent: The Forest Management Enterprise shall provide evidence that legal procedures have been followed to gain permits and licenses.</i></p>	C		<p>Accurate species identification and estimated volumes are gathered prior to commencement of harvesting. During harvesting, log volumes and species are also generated via the log docket system; log dockets provide product information for each load of logs, logs dockets are generated as the trucks are loaded at each coupe. Log dockets are provided to contractors, transport operators and FT.</p> <p>As stated above, Tasmania forest industries operate under the Forest Practice Authority (FPA) requirements which include legal and regulatory requirements.</p>
Table 1			
Requirements	Potential Means of Verification		
a) Evidence of legal authority to harvest	Concession license and/or harvesting permit (approved by the appropriate authority)	C	<p>Forestry Tasmania (FT) provided significant evidence to show they met legal authority to harvest, forest operations are conducted based on an approved Forest Practices Plan. Approval to commence operations is not granted by the Forest practices Authority or forest Practices Officers until all pre harvest conditions have been completed The Forest management report further states: "FT had clear rights to manage the forest resource. The sighted document 'Forestry Tasmania's Legislative and Regulatory Framework 2014' provided the details including the key legislation (Forest management Act 2013, Forestry (Rebuilding the Forest Industry) Act 2014), other relevant legislation and the Ministerial Charter."</p>
b) Evidence of compliance with applicable management planning	Approved management plan or equivalent documentation, as required by local	C	<p>All forest operations in Tasmania must be reviewed and certified by Forest Practices Officers (FPO) who are trained and authorized (i.e., accredited) by the Forest Practice Authority (FPA).</p>

requirements	<p>authorities Note: Implementation of the forest management plan is verified by the certification body in the field Note: The means of verification may vary depending on the size of forest management unit concerned.</p>		<p>FT provided documentary evidence to show that forest operations are duly certified by FPA-accredited FPOs prior to the actual operation commencing.</p> <p>Forest practices plans (FPPs) are required for almost all forest practices on public and private land.</p> <p>FPPs must be prepared in accordance with the Forest Practices code and other legislation. FPPs provide details of the operation area, boundaries, roads, haul tracks, landings, bridges, streams and forest areas retained for conservation purposes. They also include prescriptions for protection of natural and cultural values, planned harvest systems, and reforestation.</p> <p>The auditors also reviewed the <i>Forestry Tasmania Forest Management Plan</i> dated November 2014.</p>
c) Specification of applicable harvesting restrictions	Documentation specifying legal restrictions on harvesting (e.g. diameter limits, species restrictions, volume restrictions).	C	<p>All harvesting restrictions are clearly stated in the Forest Practices Plan for each harvesting operation. The audit team verified this documentation at each harvest site visited, and in many cases interviewed harvesting or silvicultural contractors in relation to FPP requirements and compliance.</p> <p>Forest Practices Officers preparing FPP's are required to identify natural and cultural values that may be impacted by proposed operations. <i>The Tasmanian Forest Practices Code</i> and associated approved guidelines prescribe measures to be incorporated into FPPs to protect certain natural or cultural values, or manage risks associated with forestry operations around them.</p>
d) Evidence that timber is harvested from authorized areas (e.g. not from protected areas where harvest is not allowed)	Maps and/or records showing the area in which harvesting has taken place	C	As stated above FT operate within the <i>Tasmanian Forest Practices Code</i> and FPP requirements which clearly state protection requirements for existing natural ecosystems. The auditors reviewed harvest maps and prescriptions for specific harvest areas
e) Evidence of timber sales	Sales contracts, invoices	C	All sales are associated with duly executed sales contracts and associated invoices.
f) Evidence of payment of royalties or other fees (i.e. fees on harvesting rights)	Official records confirming payments	C	The auditors saw no evidence of nonpayment and also interviewed harvesting contractors who verified payments are made on time and are up to date. FT's accounting department personnel are competent and clearly meet professional norms

			with regard to their performance with respect to management of accounts payable.
g) Evidence of compliance with applicable provisions and requirements of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).	An up to date list of tree species in the FMU that are listed in Appendices I to III of the (CITES) National permits for harvest or trade of any CITES-listed species, if applicable	N/A	No tree species within the FT estate are actually listed in CITES Appendices I to III
h) Evidence of compliance with requirements in relation to transportation of timber	Copies of transport or sales permits with specification of species and volumes as applicable	C	Records of quantities of certified products are recorded via the use of the DA system (Delivery Arrangement); this is the system, combined with Log docketts, that traces product from the individual coupe and is used as the basis for payments to contractors and invoices to customers.
Subject Area 4: Wood Harvested in Violation of Traditional and Civil Rights			
4.1. There is evidence of no violation of the International Labor Office (ILO) Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work in the FMU. The ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work is an expression of commitment by governments, employers' and workers' organizations to uphold basic human values -values that are vital to our social and economic lives. The Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work covers four areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom of association and the right to collective bargaining; • The elimination of forced and compulsory labour; • The abolition of child labour, and; • The elimination of discrimination in the workplace. 	N/A	There is no evidence of violation of ILO and Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. The sighted 'Recruitment & Selection Policy 2014' of FT lays down policies for equal treatment of employees in terms of hiring. Interviews with staff indicated that FT treats employees equally with respect to advancement, dismissal, remuneration and employment related social security	
4.2. No conflicts relating to land tenure or land use rights of traditional or indigenous peoples groups exist in the FMUs under control of the Forest Management Enterprise for which a resolution process has not been agreed by the main parties to the dispute (see section 4.4 below).		C	There was no evidence of any outstanding disputes relating to tenure claims or forest use rights that were of a substantial magnitude and involved a significant number of interests. FT had consulted with local/regional Aboriginal organizations and the results of the consultation were that traditional indigenous uses of the forest were incorporated into management plans, as evidenced by the sighted 'Forest Management

		Plan 2014’, S. 4.6.2.7 and ‘Aboriginal Access to Traditional Materials Policy 2014’.
4.3. There is evidence of no violation of the ILO Convention 169 on Indigenous and Tribal Peoples taking place in the FMUs under control of the Forest Management Enterprise.	C	No evidence of violation of ILO Convention requirements was detected during the audit.
4.4. The Forest Management Enterprise shall implement a consultation process to identify potential conflicts relating to land tenure or land use rights of traditional or indigenous peoples groups in the areas affected by the Forest Management Enterprise operations.	C	FT had consulted with local/regional Aboriginal organizations and the results of the consultation were that traditional indigenous uses of the forest were incorporated into management plans, as evidenced by the sighted ‘Forest Management Plan 2014’, S. 4.6.2.7 and ‘Aboriginal Access to Traditional Materials Policy 2014.’
4.5. In cases where a resolution process is in place (see section 4.2 above), the Forest Management Enterprise shall provide evidence of the process by which any disputes are being resolved, which demonstrates the broad support of the parties to the dispute, and which outlines an agreed interim process for addressing the dispute and for the management of the forest area concerned.	C	There was no evidence of such disputes. If there were disputes, there was an appropriate process in place The sighted ‘Stakeholder Engagement Strategy 2014’ provided details of what FT did when stakeholders did not agree with an outcome. This included a sighted ‘Complaints Policy 2014’ and ‘Dispute Resolution Process 2014.’
Subject Area 5: Wood Harvested in Forests in Which High Conservation Values are Threatened by Management Activities		
5.1. Forest management activities in the FMU shall not threaten high conservation values in accordance with section 5.2 below.	NC	There are significant issues (non-conformities) related to forest management and HCV identification, management and protection that were detected by the audit team during this CW evaluation. (Major CAR 2014.5) A detailed discussion of non-conformities in FT’s forest management policies, procedures and practices relative to the identification and protection/enhancement of high conservation values present on their forest estate can be found in the companion certification evaluation report focusing on the applicable FSC forest management (FM) Standard, specifically with regard to Principal 9 of that Standard. ⁴
5.2. The Forest Management Enterprise shall keep records of evidence to demonstrate compliance with Section 5.1 above. Evidence shall include but is not restricted to:	NC	While FT has compiled and conveyed to the audit team records and evidence of HCV assessments and HCV-related consultations that have been undertaken, the audit team has concluded that the

⁴ *Ibid.*

<p>a) records of an assessment (e.g., ecological assessment, environmental impact assessment or wildlife census, social assessment) appropriate to the size of the FMU and intensity of management to identify the presence of high conservation values.</p> <p>b) evidence⁵ of consultation with stakeholders in relation to the precautionary measures, including NGOs and parties that are involved with or have an interest in the forest area with respect to social or environmental aspects. Where relevant, the assessment shall include consultation with representatives and members of communities and indigenous peoples living in or adjacent to the FMU.</p> <p>c) a list of the high conservation values thus identified in the FMU, together with evidence indicating that high conservation values are not threatened in the FMUs.</p> <p><i>Intent box: The intent of the requirements for 'FSC Controlled Wood' is to ensure that critically endangered or threatened high conservation values are identified and conserved.</i></p>		<p>adequacy and efficacy of these HCV-related assessment and consultation actions is insufficient to demonstrate conformance to this CW Subject Area. As such, FT is not presently in conformance with Criterion 5.2.</p> <p>(Major CAR 2014.5)</p> <p>A detailed discussion of non-conformities in FT's forest management policies, procedures and practices relative to the assessment/identification and protection/enhancement of high conservation values present on their forest estate can be found in the companion certification evaluation report focusing on the applicable FSC forest management (FM) Standard, specifically with regard to Principal 9 of that Standard.⁶</p>
<p>Subject Area 6: Wood Harvested from Areas Being Converted from Forests and other Wooded Ecosystems to Plantations or Non-Forest Uses</p>		
<p>6.1. No conversion of natural and semi-natural forests and other wooded ecosystems such as woodlands and savannahs to plantations or non-forest uses take place, except as permitted by section 6.3 below.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>Forestry Tasmania implemented a program to cease native forest conversion on PTPZ land in 2007. The Permanent Forest Estate Policy now prohibits conversion of native forest to plantation or non-forest uses. The footprint of plantation on PTPZ land has therefore stabilized. Prior to this, plantations were established in land converted from native forests</p>
<p>6.2. The Forest Management Enterprise shall keep records to demonstrate compliance with Section 6.1, above.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>Appendix 2, Data Tables in the Sustainable Forest Management shows 49,320 hectares of land have been converted to plantation on previously cleared land (i.e., where harvesting was initiated prior to 31/12/2006).</p>
<p>6.3. Forest conversion to plantations or non-forest land uses shall not occur, except in circumstances where conversion:</p> <p>a) entails a very limited portion of the FMU</p> <p>b) does not occur on high conservation value</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>No conversion of natural forests to plantations or non-forest land uses has occurred on the FT estate since 2007 and the company has established clear, written policies that no conversions will take place in the future.</p>

⁵ For example minutes of meetings, letters of invitation, photographs.

⁶ The audit team refers the reader to the companion Forest Management (FM) certification evaluation report on the understanding that Forestry Tasmania is making the full FM and CW reports publicly available.

forest areas, c) will enable clear, substantial, additional, secure long term environmental and social benefits across the FMU		
Subject Area 7: Wood from Forest Management Units in which Genetically Modified Trees are Planted		
7.1. The Forest Management Enterprise shall ensure that no planted genetically modified (GM) trees are present in the FMU.	C	No evidence of genetically modified trees was found on any parcel visited on the FT estate; a policy of no use of GMOs is also clearly stated in the FMP.
7.2. The Forest Management Enterprise shall keep records of and make available on request evidence to demonstrate compliance with section 7.1 above.	N/A	

Appendix 5 – Tracking, Tracing and Identification of Controlled Wood Material

This section of the report addresses the procedures employed by the forest managers to track the flow of controlled wood products from the point of harvest through to the point where custody is assumed by another entity (i.e., the wood products purchaser). The fundamental requirement that must be demonstrated by the forest management operation is that product from the controlled wood-certified forest area not be mixed with product from uncontrolled sources. The following indicators cover the following topics as required by FSC-STD-30-010: Evaluation of risks of mixing controlled and uncontrolled product; description of log control system; end point chain of custody; and visual identification of end point chain of custody.

SCS Chain of Custody Indicators for Forest Management Enterprises, Version 5-0

REQUIREMENT	C/NC	COMMENT / CAR
1. Quality Management		
1.1 The organization shall appoint a management representative as having overall responsibility and authority for the organization’s compliance with all applicable requirements of this standard.	NC	CoC procedures (Forestry Tasmania Chain of Custody Procedures, dated July 2014) that were presented to the auditors have not specified who the management representative is.
1.2 The FME shall maintain complete records of all FSC-related COC activities, including sales and training, for at least 5 years.	NC	This is not stated in the CoC procedures; however, FT does maintain electronic and hard copy records.

<p>1.3 The FME shall define its forest gate(s) (check all that apply): <i>The forest gate is defined as the point where the change in ownership of the certified-forest product occurs.</i></p>	<p>C</p>	<p>Stump <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Stumpage sale or sales of standing timber; transfer of ownership of certified-forest product occurs upon harvest.</i></p> <p>On-site concentration yard <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Transfer of ownership of certified-product occurs at concentration yard under control of FME.</i></p> <p>Off-site Mill / Log Yard <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Transfer of ownership occurs when certified-product is unloaded at purchaser's facility.</i></p> <p>Auction house / Brokerage <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Transfer of ownership occurs at a government-run or private auction house / brokerage.</i></p> <p>Lump-sum sale / Per Unit / Pre-Paid</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Agreement <i>A timber sale in which the buyer and seller agree on a total price for marked standing trees or for trees within a defined area before the wood is removed — the timber is usually paid for before harvesting begins. Similar to a per-unit sale.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Log landing <i>Transfer of ownership of certified-product occurs at landing / yarding areas.</i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): This is sale specific for each log sale</p>
<p>1.4 The FME shall have sufficient control over its forest gate(s) to ensure that there is no risk of mixing of FSC-certified forest products covered by the scope of the FM/COC certificate with forest products from outside of the scope prior to the transfer of ownership.</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>FT has sufficient control over forest products to ensure there is no mixing of certified and non-certified products prior to the change of ownership</p>
<p>1.5 The FME and its contractors shall not process FSC-certified material prior to transfer of ownership at the forest gate without conforming to applicable chain of custody requirements. <i>NOTE: This does not apply to log cutting or debarking units, small portable sawmills or on-site processing of chips / biomass originating from the FMU under evaluation.</i></p>	<p>C</p>	<p>The auditors did not observe any processing of any forest material prior to the forest gate. Logs are cut to length, only.</p>
<p>2. Product Control, Sales and Delivery</p>		

<p>2.1. Products from the certified forest area shall be identifiable as certified at the forest gate(s).</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>Log docket provide product information for each load of logs, logs docket are generated as the trucks are loaded at each coupe. log docket are provided to contractors, transport operators and FT.</p>
<p>2.2 The FME shall maintain records of quantities / volumes of FSC-certified product(s).</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>Records of quantities of certified products are recorded via the use of the DA system (Delivery Arrangement), this is system that traces product from the individual coupe and is used as the basis for payments to contractors and invoices to customers.</p>
<p>2.3. The FME shall ensure that all sales documents issued for outputs sold with FSC claims include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) name and contact details of the organization; b) name and address of the customer; c) date when the document was issued; d) description of the product; e) quantity of the products sold; f) the organization’s FSC Forest Management (FM/COC) or FSC Controlled Wood (CW/FM) code; g) clear indication of the FSC claim for each product item or the total products as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the claim “FSC 100%” for products from FSC 100% product groups; ii. the claim “FSC Controlled Wood” for products from FSC Controlled Wood product groups. h) If separate transport documents are issued, information sufficient to link the sales document and related transport documentation to each other. 	<p>C</p>	<p>Examples of chain of custody documentation were presented as part of the audit process. FT has an existing traceability scheme in order to demonstrate compliance with its Australian Forestry Standard chain of custody certification. This system needs to be upgraded to include the correct FSC code and claim if certification is granted.</p>
<p>2.4 The FME shall include the same information as required in 2.3 in the related delivery documentation, if the sales document (or copy of it) is not included with the shipment of the product.</p> <p>Note: 2.3 and 2.4 above are based on FSC-STD-40-004 V2-1 Clause 6.1.1 and 6.1.2</p>	<p>C</p>	<p>See above comments</p>

<p>2.5 When the FME has demonstrated it is not able to include the required FSC claim as specified above in 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 in sales and delivery documents due to space constraints, through an exception, SCS can approve the required information to be provided through supplementary evidence (e.g. supplementary letters, a link to the own company’s webpage with verifiable product information). This practice is only acceptable when SCS is satisfied that the supplementary method proposed by the FME complies with the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) There is no risk that the customer will misinterpret which products are or are not FSC certified in the document; b) The sales and delivery documents contain visible and understandable information so that the customer is aware that the full FSC claim is provided through supplementary evidence; c) In cases where the sales and delivery documents contain multiple products with different FSC Claims, a clear identification for each product shall be included to cross-reference it with the associated FSC claim provided in the supplementary evidence. <p><i>FSC-ADVICE-40-004-05</i></p>	C	<p>FT invoices reference delivery arrangements and log dockets on which all relevant claims information is contained.</p> <p>This is required because FT’s invoicing system cannot access its sales database, which contains information on the certification status of each operation.</p> <p>Despite this, FT’s system meets the requirements of this indicator.</p>
<p>3. Labelling and Promotion <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>		
<p>3.1 Describe where / how the organization uses the SCS and FSC trademarks for promotion.</p>	C	<p>At the time of the site visit, FT’s CoC procedures stated that "FSC Controlled Wood" will be added to packing lists and sales invoices; however, FT has not provided any templates confirming this.</p>
<p>3.2 The FME shall request authorization from SCS to use the FSC on-product labels and/or FSC trademarks for promotional use.</p>	N/A	<p>Not applicable until such time that FT achieves CW certification and elects to make on-product claims.</p> <p>At the time of the site visit, FT had not yet applied to SCS for any trademark use.</p>
<p>3.3 Records of SCS and/or FSC trademark use authorizations shall be made available upon request.</p>	N/A	<p>See above</p>
<p>4. Outsourcing <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>		

<p>4.1 The FME shall provide the names and contact details of all outsourced service providers.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>No outsource services or companies have been identified by FT</p>
<p>4.2 The FME shall have a control system for the outsourced process which ensures that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The material used for the production of FSC-certified material is traceable and not mixed with any other material prior to the point of transfer of legal ownership; b) The outsourcer keeps records of FSC-certified material covered under the outsourcing agreement; c) The FME issues the final invoice for the processed or produced FSC-certified material following outsourcing; d) The outsourcer only uses FSC trademarks on products covered by the scope of the outsourcing agreement and not for promotional use. 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>No outsource services or companies have been identified by FT.</p>
<p>5. Training and/or Communication Strategies</p>		
<p>5.1 All relevant FME staff and outsourcers shall be trained in the FME’s COC control system commensurate with the scale and intensity of operations and shall demonstrate competence in implementing the FME’s COC control system.</p>	<p>NC</p>	<p>No evidence of training for CoC procedures was presented to the auditors.</p>
<p>5.2 The FME shall maintain up-to-date records of its COC training and/or communications program, such as a list of trained employees, completed COC trainings, the intended frequency of COC training (i.e. training plan), and related program materials (e.g., presentations, memos, contracts, employee handbooks, etc.).</p>	<p>NC</p>	<p>No evidence of training for CoC procedures was presented to the auditors.</p>