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## Summary Report

### Sustainable Forest Management

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**Responsible  
Wood** RW/1-44-2

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# 1 Audit details

## 1.1 Client Name

Forestry SA.

## 1.2 Business address of the client

Corporate HQ Kuitpo Forest offices and depot, 495 Brookman Road, Meadows, SA, 5201.

## 1.3 Names of review team members and audit team leader

Wayne Tibbits.

## 1.4 Dates of review

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The client's corrective action plan for this audit's finding minor nonconformance № 2024-02 was received 18<sup>th</sup> February and commented on at the time of completing the draft of this report. On 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 the auditor received from the WHS Manager at ForestrySA a notification issued to contractors concerning an observation, and Global-Mark will follow up its implementation at re-certification.

## 1.5 Purpose and the scope of this audit

### 1.5.1 Type of review

Stage 2 certification  Surveillance post certification;  Re-certification;  Follow up/ special or transition  
 Remote MD4 - [Justification needs to be provided and applied techniques listed]

### 1.5.2 Forest sites visited to assess

All these sites were included in the field component, where № 1-5 were plantation operations all on Thursday, № 6-11 were ecosystem services managed by the Community Services team, with № 6 on Thursday and others on Friday.

1. Second Valley Forest, Mt Hayfield locality, 1975 establishment year, 47.66 hectares clearcut by contractor Lico with live active operation almost completed after started 20-Aug-2020. Event 84206. Some very steep sections requiring unconventional tethered harvest system. European heritage site. Record of "harvest & haulage contractor monthly audit" dated 16-Jan-2025. Site diary entries 16 & 29<sup>th</sup> January about logging debris in dry drainage line. Stump height checks record 4-Feb-2025 with 50% acceptable and notes due to steep slope, tethered system, debris impeding harvest head, times unable to get harvest head close to ground.
2. Second Valley Forest, Wattle Gate locality, 1994 establishment year, 21.14 hectares second thin by contractor Qube Forestry with live active operation about halfway through. Event 800643. Some very steep sections requiring unconventional tethered harvest system. European heritage site. Record of "harvest & haulage contractor monthly audit" dated 16-Jan-2025. Site diary entries 16 & 29<sup>th</sup> January about logging debris in dry drainage line. Stump height checks record 4-Feb-2025 with 50% acceptable and notes due to steep slope, tethered system, debris impeding harvest head, times unable to get harvest head close to ground.
3. Second Valley Forest, Morris's locality, LRM event 87062", status of "soon to start", clearcut 1975 age class, 50 years old, "Challenging access. Areas of steep slopes. **Randomly selected site.**
4. Second Valley Forest, Jones, completed recently active site preparation, event ID = 210245, compartments 140, 147, 149, 152, contractor = PETEC.
5. Second Valley Forest, Wattle Gate, live active grader operation to remove pine bark and debris away from roads after clearcut, contractor = P & K Fitzgerald.
6. Second Valley Forest, at airstrip area, completed "Weed control - biodiversity protection, contractor = Andrew Morgan.
7. Kuitpo Forest, Knott Hill locality, compartment 312, established 2008, "Manage - Flying Fox colony", status of "Active". **Randomly selected site.**
8. Kuitpo Forest, Knott Hill locality, Knott Hill Native Forest Reserve 82 hectares.
9. Kuitpo Forest, Rocky Creek campground along Heysen Trail, including a hut with beds and kitchen

10. Kuitpo Forest, Chookarloo Campground, including new gates for entry/exit campground to delineate the actual camping area.
11. Kuitpo Forest, Bells Gully locality, newly developed mountain bike trail network.

### 1.5.3 Other sites visited and assessed

The depot at Kuitpo.

### 1.5.4 Sustainability Criteria in scope of this audit

All sections apart from 7 and 8, Support and Operation, were assessed.

## 2 Global-Mark summary of main findings

Positive comments with respect to the sustainable forest management system are as follows:

1. Ability and willingness of commercial and community services teams to work toward common sustainable goals in areas with potential conflicting priorities, such as at Bone Gulley planned clearcut site and nearby reserve.
2. Main contractor resources and supporting systems.
3. High class ecosystem services.

Improvement matters with respect to the sustainable forest management system are as follows:

1. Holistic CSO and operations communication rather than specific cases by case.
2. Securing future of skilled workforce and contractor base, including future proofing and succession.
3. Update website.
4. Explanatory signage CSO - charcoal off fire pit, inventory plot in Bell's Gully bike trail.

## 3 Details of the defined forest area

### 3.1 Description of forest management units and the geographic location of defined forest area

This remains unchanged. There are two basic forest management units, being natural forest areas managed for ecosystem services, and exotic pine plantations managed for wood production, although some ecosystem services, such as recreation and mountain bike riding happen in the plantations.

### 3.2 Information on where further details of the defined forest area may be accessed

Please go to the website of Forestry SA.

### 3.3 The actual size of the defined forest area

Figures are based on what is reported in the ForestrySA Annual Report 2023-2024. The area is 20,204 hectares, reduced from 32,291 hectares on Responsible Wood website, as Green Triangle native forest is removed and managed by DEW with MOU. The total of 20,204 hectares is composed of 640 hectares plantation on SA Water land, 9,292 hectares plantation on FSA land, natural features estate of 4,006 proclaimed Native Forest Reserve and 2,438 hectares natural features areas, 3,828 hectares other [Forest Reserve that is not plantation or Natural features. Hence, the 12,674

## 4 Additional information

### 4.1 Any applicable qualifications for scale and intensity

ForestrySA has a small to medium scale in relation to the # operations in its pine plantation FMU, some seasonality restrictions, and relatively narrow geographic spread. For its ecosystem services its scale is similar though likely to be higher given at peak periods of visitor activity. Intensity is high in relation to the risks and/or benefits of its impacts such as chemical use, aerial activities, mechanical operations, fire control.

**Review team declaration:**

We confirm that for the purpose of this review:

- We did not have any conflict of interest with and are fully independent from the company listed above.
- The review team had sufficient resources, and competences to complete its review and reach its conclusions summarised here.
- We had the appropriate credentials to perform this review in accordance with Global-Mark Pty Ltd and applicable accreditation requirements.

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**End of summary report**

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3	27 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	Dr W. Tibbits	New format to more clearly align to Scheme Rules, simplify the summary, and report by section not tabular format.