

New Zealand Standard for Sustainable Forest Management Summary Report

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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

Organization name	Timberlands Ltd		
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1.2 NZS / PEFC Sales Information

<input type="checkbox"/> AFS/ PEFC Sales contact information same as above.			
AFS/ PEFC salesperson	Andrew Peddie		
Address	Sala Street, Rotorua	Telephone	+64 7 343 1070
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1.3 Scope of Certificate

Checking this box indicates this is a Stage 1 summary report, and the scope table below reflects relevant information for the certification *applicant* (i.e., certification decision not yet determined).

Certificate Code <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Stage 1 summary report)		
Certification Statement <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Stage 1 summary report)	The scope of the certificate includes all activities associated with the Organization's sustainable forest management system within the Defined Forest Area(s) (DFA), including the management of forest and log processing and handling facilities including the production of tree stocks. The Organization has sufficient control over any contracting or outsourcing of forest management planning and activities to ensure conformance to applicable certification requirements.	
Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A (Stage 1 summary report)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial or continued certification is recommended, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to response any findings issued.	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial or continued certification is not recommended (<i>explain</i>):
Certificate Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single DFA	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple DFA
	<input type="checkbox"/> Group	

# Group Members (if applicable)	Not applicable	
Number of DFAs in Scope of Certificate	Single Defined Forest Area with 2 Forest Management Units. The forest management units are described as Group A: Kaingaroa Timberlands South and Group B: Kaingaroa North + 8 Satellite forests	
Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited	Area (ha):	Kaingaroa Timberlands South is 80,000
	Area (ha):	Kaingaroa North and Satellite Forests is 125,163
	Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by the Organization on its website at www.tll.co.nz or upon request via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report.	
Exclusion of areas from DFA(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A – Entire DFA(s) owned or managed by the Organisation is included in the scope of certification.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisation wishes to exclude portions of the DFA(s) under evaluation from the scope of certification (check all that apply): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery areas within the DFA(s); <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation infrastructure under the control of the Organisation, but outside of the DFA(s); <input type="checkbox"/> Areas under the control of the Organisation such as log dumps, merchandising yards or ports within or outside of the DFA(s). Note that COC requirements still apply to the forest products that have come from the DFA(s) and may be evaluated onsite to determine conformance to such requirements; and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Public infrastructure development areas not under the management control of the Organisation (see AS4708 GN01-2013, Requirement 3.9, Guide to implementation, infrastructure, item 2 for more information). 	
	<input type="checkbox"/> The Organisation has persistently or seriously failed to meet the certification requirements for specific areas within the DFA(s). The Certification Body has reduced the scope of certification to exclude these areas not meeting the certification requirements. These reductions have been duly reviewed by the Certification Body and are in line with AFS certification requirements.	
Applicable Standards/ Guidance	NZS AS4708-2014 (New Zealand Standard for Sustainable Forest Management)	
Forest Management Type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plantation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural/ semi-natural
Forest Product Type(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sawlog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chips
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-timber Forest Products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>describe</i>): Semi processed sawlog
Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))	Radiata Pine (<i>Pinus radiata</i>); Douglas Fir (<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>), mixed eucalypt species	
Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence	Timberlands Limited has a strong culture of continual improvement in forest management practices and systems.	

<p>relating to the capability of the management system to meet applicable requirements and expected outcomes the internal audit and management review process</p>	<p>The forest manager has development comprehensive documented policies and procedures in compliance with the Standard, however many of the deficiencies identified related to the effective implementation of these.</p> <p>Further, processes which formally support the continual improvement process such as internal audits, corrective action to prevent recurrence and management review are in place but not mature. The organisation is deploying a new incident / audit management system which will enhance these processes.</p>
<p>Conclusion on the appropriateness of the certification scope</p>	<p>The certification scope includes only lands managed as Kaingaroa Timberlands as is appropriate. A small portion of forest known as Te Manawa O Tuhoe is excluded from the scope since the owners of these forests did not wish to pursue certification at this time under PEFC and currently hold FSC Certification. Another small privately owned forest (Te Riu o Tawakeheimoa, owned by iwi) is also excluded as the forest owners do not wish to pursue certification.</p>

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities

N/A (Stage 1 Audit)

<p>Type of Audit:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evaluation/ re-evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd annual surveillance audit	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd annual surveillance audit
	<input type="checkbox"/> Combined audit: <i>(explain)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint audit <i>(explain):</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Integrated audit <i>(explain):</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Special audit <i>(explain):</i>			
<p>Date of Audit:</p>		<p>27 -30 March 2017</p>		
<p>Auditor(s):</p>		<p>Mick Berry (MB); Graeme Lea (GL); Beth Jacqmain (BJ)</p>		
<p>Objective and Scope of the Audit:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check if audit objectives were met</p>	<p>Determination of the conformity of the organization’s forest management system with audit criteria.</p> <p>Evaluation of the ability of the forest management system to ensure the organization meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements</p> <p>Evaluation of the effectiveness of the forest management system to ensure the organization is continually meeting its specified objectives</p> <p>As applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the forest management system (OFIs)</p> <p>Visits to a sample of operational sites representing a range of forest management activities in the Kaingaroa Timberlands South and Kaingaroa North and Satellite Forests Management Units including</p>			

	<p>supporting infrastructure including: Waiotapu fire depot / workshop; Murupara Fire Depot; Kaingaroa Log Yard; Kaingaroa Processing Plant; Rainbow Lookout; Port Operations; Te Ngae Nursery</p>
<p>Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable:</p>	<p>Severe wet weather prior to and during the assessment restricted access to some sites or resulted in more time being taken at other sites. Alternate sites were also visited where practicable. All changes to the assessment plan did not compromise the verification process of operational activities against standard Criterion.</p> <p>Changes to the assessment plan are describes as:</p> <p>Field Sites not visited:</p> <p>KANG 377 - CTL Prune (sth) since additional interviews of stakeholders including pruning contractor and contractor foreman were conducted at KANG 775 - CTL Prune (sth).</p> <p>KANG 347 – inactive (sth) could not be located, however a plantation stand of a similar species / stand age and management was considered.</p> <p>Additional sites visited:</p> <p>Land Preparation Operation Kaingaroa 319.</p>
<p>Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:</p>	<p>Significant infrastructure improvements have been recently completed at the Nursery to support tube-stock seedling production alongside traditional bare root seedling production.</p> <p>Pruning contractor crew interviewed as part of the assessment process were inspirational demonstrating strong ethical practices and engagement as stakeholders</p> <p>Minor non-conformities identified as part of this assessment related to:</p> <p>Criterion 0.1.2 – The forest manager does not maintain regularly update a register which describes land components within the Defined Forest Area</p> <p>Criterion 1.2.2.a - Legal requirements that relate specifically to the management of forest infrastructure have not been identified in the Forest Management Plan.</p> <p>Criterion 1.2.2.b - The significance of specific aspects and impacts of activities relevant to the requirements of the Standard and which relate specifically to the management of forest infrastructure such as the Nursery, have not been identified in the Forest Management Plan.</p> <p>Criterion 1.2.2.c - The 10 year Plan is currently in draft. Environmental objectives defined in the Environmental Administration Manual have not been updated. Objectives are in place for other forest management aspects such as safety performance, harvesting activities etc.</p> <p>Criterion 2.6.1.a - The Forest Management Plan Summary which the document which is public available does not include a description of the forest including current condition and inventory results and forecasts i.e. a summary of information required by clause 1.2.2.f of the standard.</p>

	<p>Criterion 1.4.3.d – The forest manager does not periodically audit the forest management system to determine conformance with all the requirements of the Standard and that planned practices have been properly implemented and maintained.</p> <p>Criterion 1.5.2 – The review of the management system by management includes some but not all of the required inputs</p> <p>Criterion 6.4.3 - Access to relevant BEP’s for field staff and contractors and implementation of these was not fully evident.</p> <p>Criterion 6.5.1.c – Some operational controls were in effective to prevent or constrain water pollution and soil contamination.</p> <p>Criterion 9.5.a – Some operational controls that foster a safe work environment and in compliance with workplace health and safety regulations.</p> <p>Criterion 2.4.1.a – Stakeholder engagement processes for stakeholder consultation conducted by external agent were not fully effective.</p> <p>Criterion 7.2 – Commitment by the forest manager to minimising fossil fuels usage by forest operations and in the conduct of the enterprise.</p> <p>Opportunities for improvement identified related to:</p> <p>Criterion 4.6.1 - Quality processes for land preparation activities at a single site.</p> <p>Criterion 6.4.3.b Rehabilitation works required for single erosion / slip site adjacent to road.</p>
<p>Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:</p>	<p>Not applicable. This is a certification assessment.</p>
<p>Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:</p>	<p>Not applicable. This is a certification assessment.</p>
<p>Unresolved issues (if identified):</p>	<p>Nil</p>