Responsible Wood® Forest Management System Summary Report

HQPlantations Pty Ltd

Certificate # SCS-RW-007

Re-evaluation Audit

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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

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<tr><td>Contact person</td><td colspan="3">Tom Clapson</td></tr>
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<tr><td>e-mail</td><td>tom.clapson@hqplantations.com.au</td></tr>
<tr><td>Website</td><td>http://www.hqplantations.com.au</td></tr>
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1.2 AFS/ PEFC Sales Information

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<tr><td colspan="4">☒ AFS/ PEFC Sales contact information same as above.</td></tr>
<tr><td>AFS/ PEFC salesperson</td><td colspan="3"></td></tr>
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1.3 Scope of Certificate

Any changes in the scope of the certification since the previous audit are highlighted in yellow in the tables below.

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<tr><td>Certificate Code</td><td colspan="2">SCS-RW-007</td></tr>
<tr><td>Certification Statement</td><td colspan="2">The scope of the certificate includes all activities associated with the Organization’s sustainable forest management system with the Defined Forest Area (DFA), including the harvest, transport, and sale or trade of forest products. The Organization has sufficient control over any contracting or outsourcing of forest management planning and activities to ensure conformance to applicable certification requirements.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Certificate Type</td><td>☒ Single Site</td><td>☐ Multiple Sites</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">☐ Group</td></tr>
<tr><td># Sites and/or Group Members (if applicable)</td><td colspan="2">n/a</td></tr>
<tr><td>Total DFA hectares in certificate</td><td colspan="2">308,971 ha</td></tr>
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<tr><td rowspan="4">Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited</td><td>Area (ha):</td><td colspan="3">Plantation – 187,311</td></tr>
<tr><td>Area (ha):</td><td colspan="3">Natural forest – 121,660</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td colspan="3">Add rows as needed</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by HQPlantations on its website or via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report.
Changes for FY25 reduced DFA by 57 ha due to a 56 hectare deduction related to transitioning out of hardwood plantations, 2 hectare addition to Corporate Holdings and a 3 hectare deduction due to realignment variations when the Digital Cadastral Database was adjusted.</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">Applicable Standards/ Guidance</td><td colspan="4">☒ AS/NZS 4708:2021 (Australian/ New Zealand Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">☐ AS4708 GN02-2013 (Guidance for the certification of group forest management)</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">☒ If combined, joint, or integrated with another forest certification scheme, list scheme and describe use here:
FSC-STD-AUS-01-2018 EN</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Type of Audit</td><td>☒
Re-evaluation</td><td>☐ 1st annual surveillance audit</td><td>☐ 2nd annual surveillance audit</td><td>☐ 3rd annual surveillance audit</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="4">☐ Special audit (explain):</td></tr>
<tr><td>Forest Management Type</td><td colspan="2">☒ Plantation</td><td colspan="2">☐ Natural/ semi-natural</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Forest Product Type(s)</td><td colspan="2">☒ Roundwood</td><td colspan="2">☒ Chips</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">☐ Non-timber Forest Products</td><td colspan="2">☐ Other (describe):</td></tr>
<tr><td>Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))</td><td colspan="4">Pinus elliottii – Slash Pine
Pinus caribaea – Honduran Caribbean Pine
Pinus elliottii x Pinus caribaea – Hybrid Pine
Pinus patula – Patula pine
Pinus taeda - Loblolly Pine
Pinus radiata - Radiata Pine
Other miscellaneous Pinus hybrids
Araucaria cunninghamii - Hoop Pine
Araucaria angustifolia - Parana Pine
Araucaria bidwillii – Bunya Pine
Flindersia brayleyana – Queensland maple
Toona cillata – Red cedar
Agathis robusta – Kauri pine
Cedrela odorata – Onion cedar
Corymbia citriodora sub. spp. variegata(CCV) - Spotted gum
Corymbia citriodora sub. spp. citriodora (CCC)– Lemon-scented gum
Corymbia torelliana x CCV or CCC - Spotted gum hybrids
Eucalyptus argophloia - Western white gum</td></tr>
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	Eucalyptus cloeziana - Gympie messmate *Eucalyptus dunnii – Dunn's white gum* *Eucalyptus pilularis – Blackbutt* *Eucalyptus longirostrata – Grey gum* *Eucalyptus grandis and related hybrids - Flooded gum*

Statement on the conformity and effectiveness of the management system together with a summary of the evidence	The audit team confirmed that HQ Plantations has a management system capable of supporting sustained conformance with the Responsible Wood standard AS/NZ 4708:2021 Sustainable Forest Management – requirements. It also has comprehensive documented policies and procedures, strongly data driven decision making processes and contemporary technology operating across most criterion. HQP uses an internal monitoring, audit and review standard, procedures, checklists and a management review reporting to maintain the effectiveness and currency of the system, which includes the ability to issue nonconformances and observations. There was no nonconformity or opportunity for improvement resulting from the 2026 Responsible Wood FM audit.	
RW Logos/labels	☒ Logo checked and conformant (no non-conformities issued) ☐ Logo checked, and Nonconformities issued	
Certification Recommendation by Audit Team to SCS	☒ Continued certification is recommended.	☐ Continued certification is not recommended (*explain*):

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities Summary

Date of Audit	23 to 26 February 2026
Auditors	Kevin Haylock Kevin has forty years' experience in managing native forest and plantation operations. Kevin has had a key role in consultation with Native Title claimants extending over a 15-year period. He also has broad experience in community consultation and currently sits on the Management Committees of several local not-for-profit community groups. Kevin consults to mining companies and State Government agencies providing bushfire risk. He also provides advice and management services to the sandalwood industry in Western Australia. Kevin currently conducts internal audits and provides advice on Responsible Wood, PEFC and FSC chain of custody to clients. Having qualified as a Chain of Custody Lead Auditor in 2020, Kevin has since participated in over 80 audits to chain of custody and forest management standards. Branislav Zoric Branislav is a forestry management professional with over 30 years of international experience, specialising in operational strategy, project management, and sustainable forest management. His career includes roles such as Chief Forester, Business Excellence Manager, and Business Unit Planning Head, among others. Branislav has a strong background in forest management, research and development, and geospatial data analysis. He holds a Master of Forestry Science from the University of Canterbury and a Bachelor of Forestry Science (Hons.) from the University of Sarajevo, in addition to other certifications. Branislav is proficient in Excel, Access, growth models, statistical packages, and has certifications in project management, contract management, and more. He has also published research on forest management and wood properties and has developed models and strategies for forestry operations and sustainability. Branislav has been conducting forest management audits for two years.

Criteria	Section 5.2: Sustainable Forest Management Policy Section 7.4.5: Chain of Custody claims Section 11: Sustainability Criteria. DFA figures were also reviewed.
Detailed Site Notes	Detailed itinerary and site notes are in Appendix 2, *Detailed Audit Itinerary and Site Notes.*
Any deviations from the audit plan and their reasons, if applicable:	☐ If this is a remote audit due to Covid-19, check here and describe ICT below. No deviation from the audit plan occurred.
Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:	HQPlantations has implemented an effective forest management system to ensure conformance with the requirements of the Responsible Wood standard. The company has adequate numbers of forest management personnel and sufficient infrastructure to maintain requirements applicable to AS 4708:2021. HQP manages a widely distributed estate of Southern Pine and Araucaria plantations located throughout Queensland, which have been both Responsible Wood and FSC certified for many years. The company continues to face increasing complexities in planned fire implementation as a bushfire risk reduction measure due to external factors including urban expansion and tourist developments adjacent to the plantation and transport infrastructure that is dissecting the estate. Significant community engagement on Bribie Island has successfully linked community groups to HQP planners and field managers enabling HQP to take feedback into account to revise harvest and haulage activities. There was no nonconformities issued at the previous surveillance audit in 2025. No nonconformity was found at this audit.
Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:	No significant changes occurred since the previous audit.
Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:	There were no nonconformities recorded at the previous audit.
Unresolved issues (if identified):	n/a

2.2 Confirmation of Meeting Audit Objectives

The objectives for this audit included:

a. Determination of the conformity of the client's management system, or parts of it, with audit criteria (Selected Objectives, Performance Measures, and/or Indicators).
b. Determination of the ability of the management system to ensure the client meets applicable statutory, regulatory and contractual requirements.
c. Determination of the effectiveness of the management system to ensure the client can reasonably expect to achieve specified objectives.
d. As applicable, identification of areas for potential improvement of the management system.

Audit Objectives were met	**Yes** ☒ **No** ☐ If no, provide an explanation: