Responsible Wood® Forest Management System Summary Report

HQPlantations Pty Ltd
Certificate # SCS-RW-007

Surveillance audit

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SECTION A – PUBLIC SUMMARY REPORT

1. General Information

1.1 Name and Contact Information

Organization name	HQPlantations		
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1.2 AFS/ PEFC Sales Information

☒ *AFS/ PEFC Sales contact information same as above.*			
AFS/ PEFC salesperson			
Address		Telephone	
		Fax	
		e-mail	
		Website	

1.3 Scope of Certificate

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

Certificate Code	SCS-RW-007		
Certification Statement	The scope of the certificate includes all activities associated with the Organization's sustainable forest management system with the Defined Forest Area(s) (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.		
Certificate Type	☒ Single Site	☐ Multiple Sites	
	☐ Group		
# Sites and/or Group Members (*if applicable*)	Multi-site Entity – Multiple sites – Single forest owner and single forest manager		
Total DFA hectares in certificate	309027 ha		
Description of DFA(s) as Advised to AFS Limited	Area (ha):	309027	
	Area (ha):		
		Add rows as needed	
	Refer to publicly available maps and information about the DFA(s) provided by the Organization on its website or upon request via the contact person cited at the beginning of this report. Changes for FY24 reduced DFA by 630 ha due to sales of hardwood plantation lands, termination of land rentals and State resumed plantation license area		
Applicable Standards/ Guidance	☒ AS4708-2021 (Australian Standard® for Sustainable Forest Management)		
	☐ AS4708 GN02-2013 (Guidance for the certification of group forest management)		
	☒ If combined, joint, or integrated with another forest certification scheme, list scheme and describe use here: FSC-STD-AUS-01-2018 EN		
Type of Audit	☐ Evaluation/ re-evaluation	☐ 1st annual surveillance audit	☒ 2nd annual surveillance audit	☐ 3rd annual surveillance audit
	☐ Special audit (*explain*):			
Forest Management Type	☒ Plantation	☐ Natural/ semi-natural	
Forest Product Type(s)	☒ Roundwood	☒ Chips	
	☐ Non-timber Forest Products	☐ Other (*describe*):	
Species (Common and Scientific Name(s))	*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 *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	HQP maintains a comprehensive and effective forest management system to ensure conformance to Responsible Wood certification requirements. HQP manages a widely distributed estate of softwood and some hardwood plantations located throughout Queensland, which have been both Responsible Wood and FSC certified for many years. 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.	
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, subject to the Organization meeting deadlines to response any findings issued.	☐ Continued certification is not recommended (*explain*):

2. Audit Dates and Activities

2.1 Audit Itinerary and Activities Summary

Date of Audit	2-6th June 2025
Auditor(s)	Judy Alexander
Criteria	Section 11.2 Forest Ecosystem Health Section 11.3 Biodiversity Section 11.4 Soil and Water Resources Section 11.5 Forest Productive Capacity Section 11.6 Cultural Values Section 11.7.2 Health and Safety Section 11.7.8 Local Procurement Section 11.7.9 Optimal Use Section 11.7.10 Local Industry Support and Development Section 11.7.12 Public Access Section 11.7.13 Community Wellbeing Trademark Use
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. N/A
Summary of most important observations, positive as well as negative, regarding implementation and effectiveness of the Forest Management System:	HQP maintains a comprehensive and effective forest management system to ensure conformance to Responsible Wood certification requirements. HQP manages a widely distributed estate of softwood and some hardwood plantations located throughout Queensland, which have been both Responsible Wood and FSC certified for many years.
Significant changes, if any, that affect the management system of the client since the last audit took place:	N/A
Effectiveness of taken corrective actions regarding previously identified nonconformities, if applicable:	All previous NC closed
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: