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## Summary Report

### Sustainable Forest Management

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

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General	Comments
Certification standard	AS/NZS 4708: 2021
Client Name / Business name	Private Forestry Service Queensland Inc.
Business address of the client	8 Fraser Road Gympie, QLD 4570
Name of the Certification Body	Global-Mark Pty Ltd
Names of review team members	Wayne Tibbits - Audit Team Leader. Andrew Young on Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> as Auditor in training.
Dates of review	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> = Gympie - office and system focus, 07:30-17:00 Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> = Gympie, and field sites nearby, 07:30-21:00  Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> = Field focus at Mount Marsh, 07:30-16:00 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 - relates to transition and finding № 77 and 79
Type of review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Stage 1 pre-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Stage 2 certification; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveillance post certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Re-certification; <input type="checkbox"/> Remote MD4; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transition from AS4708:2013 to the Standard AS/NZS4708:2021
Sites visited to assess [e.g., office, depot, nursery, fire tower etc.]	<u>Office &amp; depot</u> : 8 Fraser Road Gympie, QLD 4570. <u>Field sites</u> : in the Defined Forest Area.
Forest Management Units visited	Plantation and native forest.
Name of each forest site visited	1. Haylock - plantation, scheduled for selective harvest. Recent mechanical upgrade of previous extraction track. 13:00-14:10 hours 2. Gundiah hub, Miva - native forest. 09:00-10:30 hours. 3. Mt Marsh - native forest. Recent silvicultural treatment of paint marking and chopper rolling of areas burnt in 2019 wildfires. Randomly selected. 07:30-14:00
Sections of the Standard and Sustainability Criteria in scope of this audit / review	All.
Exclusions to the standard and/or management system	Nil.
Extent of activities within the scope of certification	Forestry management activities covering native and planted forests, and the provision of the following operations: planning, valuation, roading, harvesting, management, and regeneration or establishment. Provision of workshops and field days to private forest/owners/growers, and audit and extension services.
Name of Management Representative	David Menzies - Executive Officer.
	<b>Comments on main points from audit</b>
Global-Mark summary of the main findings	The organisation was successfully audited to the new version of the standard. The scope was checked and agreed to be as stated on the certificate.  Defined forest area and certification audit details are available at <a href="http://pfsq.org.au">http://pfsq.org.au</a>  <u>Positive comments that are noteworthy are as follows</u> : Points from visit to Gundiah, Haylock, Mt Marsh.  1. Roads and roll-overs are in good condition. 2. Habitat recruitment trees retained at selective harvest. 3. Healthy plantation site, as can be expected with dry conditions. 4. Non-wood products - sighted bee hives.

General	Comments
	<p>5. Silviculture treatment area with brushcutter and chainsaw, and in many cases chopper roller.</p> <p>6. New and well maintained gates.</p> <p>7. The AUD011 is an operational audit post-harvest of Gundiah dated 30 Oct 23 had clear notes that demonstrated thorough audit process and consideration of evidence.</p> <p><u>Improvement matters are as follows:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Quality control related to damage to growing stock during silvicultural thinning and roadwork.</li> <li>2. Validating and testing robustness of emergency response.</li> <li>3. Review of external and internal issues that are relevant to its purpose and linked sustainable forest management objectives.</li> </ol> <p>We believe that the organization listed above at the site(s) listed above has addressed both matters of major nonconformance and thus it has the capability to systematically meet the requirements of the standard (listed above), and for the activities/products listed on the Global-Mark scope of certification.</p>
Defined Forest Area	Comments on Defined Forest Area and scope of certification
<b>Brief description of the FMUs [Forest Management Units]</b>	Unchanged - in terms of decreasing area, native forest, plantation, and revegetation or offset areas of native.
<b>Brief description of the geographic locality of Defined Forest Area</b>	The DFA covers Northern NSW and the regional council areas of Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Sunshine Coast, Noosa, and Toowoomba.
<b>Area of the Defined Forest Area as advised to the Scheme Owner</b>	6,240 hectares at the time of the audit. The figure in the Responsible Wood database is 6,163 hectares as advised November 2022.
<b>Source for details of the Defined Forest Area (maps etc.), audit Summary Reports</b>	DFA and certification audit details are available at <a href="http://pfsq.org.au">http://pfsq.org.au</a>
<b>Describe any applicable qualifications for scale and intensity</b>	Low intensity use of chemicals and machines.

#### 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.

#### Comment and disclaimer on this report:

- This summary report does not and should not be seen as advice. Please consult a qualified advisor or consultant for advice.
- Due to the sampling nature of third party business reviews, the time available and samples size, some issues, nonconformance, non-compliances or improvements might not have been identified in the present audit summarised reported. This does not imply that these issues do not exist or are in conformance or compliance. Employees, management, and other stakeholders of the organization need to and are responsible for, continuously identifying and taking necessary controls to ensure continued conformance with the standard.
- Readers of this report should make judgement taking the above into account.
- The summary report has been prepared for the abovementioned client/ business to make publicly available without request.

#### End of summary report

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1	17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Dr W. Tibbits	Revised release for passing on to Program Manager to use for accreditation to AS/NZS 4708: 2021.
2	30/7/23	Emily Silberberg	Revised after JASANZ finding during transition to AS/NZS 4708: 2021.
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