

24 January 2022

Notice to Stakeholders

Background

Forico Pty Limited (Forico) sources plantation material from Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) certified plantations and, from time to time, also sources plantation inputs from non-FSC® certified Suppliers throughout the supply area of Tasmania.

For Forico to mix FSC®-certified plantation material with non-FSC® certified material (defined as controlled material), a Due Diligence System (DDS) must be implemented to ensure these non-FSC® sources do not originate from, or are mixed with, material from unacceptable sources. This is in accordance with the requirement of the FSC Controlled Wood Standard (FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1). Refer to <https://au.fsc.org/en-au/standards/controlled-wood>.

FSC Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment

FSC Australia has developed a National Risk Assessment (NRA) to determine which categories of controlled wood in Australia are considered to have high risk (termed “Specified Risk”) associated with them. Refer to [FSC Australia Controlled Wood Risk Assessment](#).

In Tasmania, there is a specified risk for:

- Controlled Wood Category 3: Threats to high conservation values (HCVs) from management activities, specifically, HCV 3.4 Critical Ecosystem Services (soil erosion, water catchments) and HCV 3.6 Cultural Values (Indigenous and non-indigenous); and
- Controlled Wood Category 4: Forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use.

Control Measures for the Protection of High Conservation Values (Category 3)

Forico currently implements a range of control measures when purchasing plantation material from third-party non-FSC® certified suppliers. Control measures include:

- Stakeholder engagement;
- Supplier system audits for identifying HCVs; and
- Field assessments / verification to confirm a strong system of control for HCVs at the forest level.

We are seeking feedback on two documents:

1. Forico Due Diligence System Public Summary Report that describes the DDS process in more detail; and
2. Due Diligence System Stakeholder Consultation Feedback Form that focuses on the control measures associated with managing HCVs.



Stakeholder Feedback

Forico requests your feedback regarding the appropriateness of the Forico Due Diligence System. Specifically do you:

- agree that control measures in place are adequate to mitigate potential risks or impacts?
- feel additional controls are required?
- have particular comments regarding an individual Supplier?

Please complete the attached feedback form by 10 March 2022, either:

- through written submissions: Address to the Sustainability Manager, PO Box 5316, Launceston 7250;
- personal presentation to the Sustainability Manager: 16 Techno Park Drive, Launceston;
- via email: stakeholders@forico.com.au; or

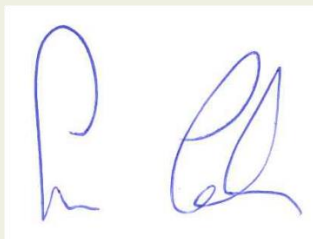
If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Sustainability Manager: (03) 6335 5201.

Forico will consider any relevant comments or feedback and use them to enhance our approach to the procurement and management of third-party harvest operations. Whilst all feedback is welcome, there is no obligation to participate in this process.

Should you provide a reply, we wish to publish the feedback on the Forico website <https://forico.com.au>. Comments may be submitted anonymously, however providing your name will enable Forico to ask you further questions about your submission if this would be beneficial. No names will be published with any feedback. Please indicate whether you consent to your comments being made public (comments will be presented anonymously). If you wish your response to remain private and confidential, please indicate this clearly in your reply.

Please contact me should you require additional information.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Cook', is displayed within a white rectangular box.

Simon Cook
Sustainability Manager

