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Scientific Certification Systems – Forest Conservation Program

Chain of Custody Certification Report for:

Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Division of Forestry

SCS-COC-002041 SCS-CW-002041

Type of Audit: ^{3rd} Annual Surveillance (Evaluation, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Surveillance, Re-Evaluation, Expansion of Scope)

Audit for the Year 2012

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Introduction

SCS developed its <u>Forest Conservation Program</u> in 1991 and has since emerged as a leading certifier of forest management operations and wood product manufacturers. In 1996, SCS became one of the first certification bodies in the world to be <u>Forest Stewardship Council</u> (FSC) accredited. In 2009 SCS achieved accreditation to offer PEFC (<u>Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification</u>) chain of custody certification services.

Through a well-developed network of regional representatives and contractors, SCS offers timely and cost-effective certification services around the world.

Chain of custody certification is a quality assurance to your customers that your products have positive environmental attributes that are backed by a global system of verification. When you receive a chain of custody certificate, you gain the right to use the program's logo and trademarks both on your products and in business and marketing communications. The certification label helps both businesses and customers make purchasing decisions that support sound forest management.

This report presents the findings of the SCS auditor who has evaluated your organization's systems and performance against the applicable Chain of Custody standard(s) and the SCS staff member who has made the final certification decision (see section 1 below).

If there are any necessary follow-up actions required by your organization, these are outlined in a separate Corrective Action Request form sent with this report. In order to achieve and maintain Chain of Custody certification it is important that all non-compliances are resolved by their stated deadlines.

The checklist(s) in the Appendix present the auditor's findings, demonstrating compliance or non-compliance with each element of the certification standard(s) used for the evaluation.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about SCS's Chain of Custody Program, please feel free to contact any member of the SCS chain of custody program.

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Section 1: Evaluation Process and Conclusions

PART	PART 1A: Certification Decision					
continu on com Include re	r's recommendation for initial, ned or re-certification based upliance with requirements: commendation for each standard on was evaluated against, and per site oblicable.	The Indiana State Department of Natural Resources-Division of Fores (IN DoF) does comply with FSC STD 40-004 V2-0, FSC STD 40-002 Vand FSC STD 40-005 V2-1 with the exception of the non-compliances included in the attached lists of corrective action requests. It is the recommendation of this auditor that the Indiana DoF continue to be awarded FSC certification for the above named standards.				
tity	SCS Certification Decision: Include any conditions or preconditions associated with certification decision.	The Indiana State Department of Natural Resources-Division of Forestry (IN DoF) does comply with FSC STD 40-004 V2-0, FSC STD 40-002 V2, and FSC STD 40-005 V2-1 with the exception of 2 Major CARs, 20 Minor CARs, and 9 Observations. Continued certification is approved. If Werner Sawmill wishes to use the Credit System, the Sawmill Major CAR #10 must be resolved. If Werner Sawmill wishes to verify controlled material the Sawmill Major CAR #11 must be resolved.				
To be completed by Certification Decision-Making Entity	Scope of certificate:	This certificate covers logging, hauling and primary sawmill manufacturing using the transfer, percentage or credit system.				
tification	Certification decision by:	Vanessa Hayward				
ed by Cer	Date of decision: For initial or continued certification	June 18, 2012				
To be complet	Surveillance schedule: Note any sites or requirements needing special attention at surveillance audits. If no FSC material is present at the time of the evaluation audit and CAR issued regarding Critical Control Point, need to audit site within 3 months of beginning processing.	The fourth surveillance audit should occur in December 2012.				
	Allowable size limit and annual growth rate: For Group and Multi-site Certificates only	Up to 60 additional sites may be added before the next annual audit, and a total of 240 sites may be included on the certificate before the current expiration date.				

PART 1B: Compliance Summary

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Standards Conformity Checklist(s) in the Appendix of this report outline(s) the auditor's assessment of your organization's conformity with each of the applicable requirements of each standard covered in the scope of the assessment; <u>This section contains only a summary of those findings.</u>

Evaluation and description of any critical control points with a risk that uncontrolled wood or fiber may enter the FSC Chain of Custody system:

Critica	l Control Point	High Risk of Mixing	Low Risk of Mixing
Purchasing eligible ma	aterial/product		X*
Verifying reclaimed/co	ntrolled material		X*
Receiving			х
Segregation			х
Processing			х
Determination of FSC credit system)	claims (transfer, percentage or		х
Outsourcing			х
Trademark use			х
Sales and shipping do	cuments		х
At the time of the audit, had the organization taken physical possession of FSC-certified material?	Yes No, if there is a deemed risk the Chain of Custody system an early X N/A, this is a Surveillance or R N/A, not normal business prace N/A, PEFC only	rly surveillance site audit will e-evaluation audit	be required
evidenced during the s documentation for FS0	gh risks of mixing: of mixing un-controlled wood wi site audits, the tracking process, C Controlled Wood was found to plicable non-conformances on the	and subsequent comp be non-compliant for t	liant receipt he Group Members

Review of Corrective Action Requests from previous audit: Copy from previous audit report and describe the status of each CAR. Submit evidence with report where appropriate. Minor CARs not close by the deadline shall be elevated to Major CARs. Major CARs not closed by their stated deadline, may result in suspension until conformity is confirmed.					
N/A Evaluation audit or no prior CARs					
x See CARs/OBS form from previous audit					
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Summary of identified non-conformities and opportunit Complete CAR/OBS form and attach with audit report.	des for improvem	ent.			
	# Major CARs	# Minor CARs	# Observations		
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Complete CAR/OBS form and attach with audit report. Standard		# Minor CARs			
Complete CAR/OBS form and attach with audit report. Standard FSC-STD-40-004: Chain of Custody		# Minor CARs	6		
Standard FSC-STD-40-004: Chain of Custody FSC-STD-40-005: Controlled Wood		# Minor CARs	6		
Standard FSC-STD-40-004: Chain of Custody FSC-STD-40-005: Controlled Wood FSC-STD-40-007: Reclaimed Material		# Minor CARs	6		
Standard FSC-STD-40-004: Chain of Custody FSC-STD-40-005: Controlled Wood FSC-STD-40-007: Reclaimed Material FSC-STD-40-003: Multi-site CoC Certification		# Minor CARs	6		
Standard FSC-STD-40-004: Chain of Custody FSC-STD-40-005: Controlled Wood FSC-STD-40-007: Reclaimed Material FSC-STD-40-003: Multi-site CoC Certification FSC-POL-40-002: Group CoC Certification		# Minor CARs	6		
Standard FSC-STD-40-004: Chain of Custody FSC-STD-40-005: Controlled Wood FSC-STD-40-007: Reclaimed Material FSC-STD-40-003: Multi-site CoC Certification FSC-POL-40-002: Group CoC Certification FSC-STD-20-001: Complaints Procedures		# Minor CARs	6		

PART 1C: Evaluation Summary

I met with Jeff Settle, Indiana DoF Group Administrator and Extension Specialist, at various intervals during the conduct of the several site audits; our principal meeting was held the afternoon of Friday, March 30th. Initially I discussed changes to the FSC CoC and Controlled Wood standards. This included the changes to the CW audit processes as mandated by the latest Policy and Directives for FSC Controlled Wood. (This was also discussed with John Seifert, the Indiana State Forester who accompanied Jeff and this auditor on audits conducted on April 4th. I reviewed procedures for the Group Entity and the procedure template for the Group members. Jeff had prepared a CD that includes: 1, Group Entity Procedures; 2, Group members FSC CoC and CW procedure template; 3, the current CW RA; 4, files with copies of the audits of all Group members; 5, Group members lists with supporting information; and 6, other relevant documentation.

Group members files, both file folders and electronic, were selected by this auditor. Records of audits were available for this auditor to review. A list of corrective action requests issued by the DoF and actions taken was presented. Previous CAR's issued to the DoF were reviewed and closed. The CW Risk Assessment was reviewed and checked for updates. A review of the specific CW procedures applicable to the DoF was conducted.

Description of evaluation:

Site Audits:

Wednesday March 28th: Don Darlage Logging, with Don Darlage, Brownstown, IN.

Thursday, March 29th: Davison H.Q.S, with Andrea Curry, Spencer, IN; Tri-State Timber, with Jim Coleman, Bloomington, IN; and Kinser Timber Products, with Jerry Kinser, Gosport, IN

Friday, March 30th: Wertz Timber and Veneer, Raeann Wertz Moore, Franklin, IN.

Tuesday, April 3rd, Leibering & Sons, and Leibering Lumber and Logging, with Shawn, Steve, and Donna Leibering; both at Ferdinand, IN.

Wednesday, April 4th, Werner Sawmill with Kevin and Mary Werner, Ireland (Jasper), IN, and Jasper Veneer Mills with George Gramelspacher, Jasper, IN.

Thursday, April 5th, David Morgan Logging with David Morgan, English, IN; and Charles Dearborn Logging, with Charles Dearborn and Tim Smith, English, IN.

Friday, April 6th, Aurora Veneer Company with Jeff Grove, New Albany, IN.

Number of sites audited out of total number of sites in scope of certificate:

12 of 60

Date(s) of evaluation:	March 28, 29, & 30; April 3, 4, 5, and 6.			
Duration of evaluation:	38 hours excluding travel time.			
Auditor name:	Frank S. Judd, Lead Auditor, SCS			
Auditor qualifications:	BS Forestry, MS Forest Resources, Penn State University; US Army Captain, Military Intelligence. Eight years experience in FSC Chain of Custody market development, auditing, and product management; over thirty years of management in forest products manufacturing, procurement, marketing, and process development; ISO 9001 accredited.			

SECTION 2: Organization Information

PART 2A: Certificate Scope					
Number of sites include certificate scope: Excluding outsourcers	ed in the	60 and the Group Entity, the IN Dof. Changed since previous audit			
Standards used in assessment of the organization: Check all that apply, for any & all sites		: 2002- 2010	FSC Chain of Custody Standard FSC Chain of Custody Standard Multi-site CoC Certification Company Evaluation of Controlled Wood Sourcing Reclaimed Material Sourcing Reclaimed Material Group Chain of Custody PEFC Chain of Custody Requirements		
The scope of this certificate includes the following: Check all that apply	Manufacturi x Primar Second paper mil	ondary Organization does not use round wood as inputs nor does it conduct pulp of milling (Secondary manufacturers includes printers) er forest products (NTFPs) enization collects or processes NTFPs inly: Trades in product without physical possession lesale Distributes product with physical possession Sells to end-user with physical possession			
Type of Facility (main site): e.g. Sawmill, Paper mill, Lumber Broker, Wholesaler, Retailer, Distribution Facility, Warehouse, Paper Converter, Printer		2, Sawmills (w The main site Division of For	roup Certification includes three sub-groups: 1, Loggers; with logging); and 3, Veneer mills. is the Indiana State, Department of Natural Resources, restry offices located with other Indiana State in Indianapolis, IN.		

Type of data control sy manual, barcodes, con automation, etc):	
Approximate number of (main site): Full-time equivalent employees	
FSC Annual Accreditation Administration Fee (AAF) Class based on combined turnover of <u>all</u> sites included in certificate scope:	I: <\$200,000 USD II: \$200,000 to \$1,000,000 USD III: \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000 USD IV: \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000 USD V: \$25,000,000 to \$100,000,000 USD Current Estimate of Group Sales VI: \$100,000,000 to 500,000,000 USD VII: \$00,000,000 to 1,000,000,000 USD VIII: >1,000,000,000 USD Organization shall disclose annual sales of all products containing wood fiber. This information is used for the purposes of calculating the AAF (Accreditation Administration Fee) for FSC. The information is treated as confidential. X Changed since previous audit N/A, PEFC only
PEFC Annual Notification Fee	Annual turnover of organization: N/A (include currency) Notification fee is based on total turnover (not only wood or PEFC products) for all sites included in the scope of the certificate. Varies per country.
Language(s) of certificate:	x English Dutch Portuguese German Spanish Other
Has organization been FSC CoC certified previously?	Not previously FSC CoC certified Transfer from other CB: Previous SCS CoC client with lapse in certification New SCS CoC client with lapse in certification, previous CB: X N/A, existing SCS client N/A, not FSC certified (PEFC only)

PART 2B: Overview of Organization General description of organization: its operations, products and function of the sites. The Group Entity is the State of Indiana, Department of Natural Resources-Division of Forestry (DOF). Within Indiana, there are 180,000 acres of FSC certified Indiana State Forests (state owned). Additionally, there are approximately 500,000 acres of privately owned "Classified" forests, with about 8,000 ownerships, which were FSC FM/COC certified by SCS in March 2010.

The DOF had determined a small group certification should be created to supply the market for the FSC certified timber from these forests. A network of FSC CoC loggers/haulers, small sawmills, and veneer log processors has been established as FSC CoC certified as a Group, with the IN DoF acting as the Group Entity. These companies harvest and/or perform primary processing from timber (logs) taken from IN FSC certified forestlands, other FSC FM/COC certified forests, or other forestlands assessed as low risk for FSC Controlled Wood.

Three sets of sites are included in the Group certification: loggers, sawmills (with or without logging), and veneer processors and dealers. Loggers remove timber as logs from certified forestland, and then deliver the logs directly to a mill or to their own concentration yard. Sawmills either conduct their own logging operations and/or purchase logs. The sawmills then reprocess the logs into lumber. These mills also resell some logs as veneer quality logs. Veneer manufacturers included in this Group purchase logs from either FSC certified mills and loggers, or purchase logs that they have assessed as FSC Controlled Wood.

Products produced include lumber, veneer, and a combination of sawdust, chips, and shavings. Mulch is also included on the product group list of several mills, but none has been sold as FSC to date.

Ref. the FSC checklists and audits attached. The DoF maintains its FSC Small Group organizational control as follows:

- a. The DoF has created extensive Group Entity and Group Member procedures. The DoF has an experienced and well-qualified Group Administrator, Jeff Settle. The IN DoF has up-to-date systems to support the management of the Group FSC certification. The DoF audits each group member annually for compliance to the applicable standards.
- Material sourcing for Group members is prescribed in the Group procedures. Group members must purchase wood from either verified FSC suppliers or from documented controlled wood
- c. All Group members are required to maintain segregation and identification of all FSC certified wood. Wood that is controlled or is included in a credit system must be identified on receipt and further marked as (or if) required by the applicable control system used by that Group member.
- d. Group members must report annually to the DoF all FSC purchases and sales of FSC logs, lumber, and veneer. Each member must have the capability to record and document all FSC material transactions.
- e. Each Group member must include, in that member's product group list, the control system(s) it has adopted. The DoF has included the following control systems in the group members' template procedures: Transfer, Percentage, and Credit.
- f. The DoF requires that Group member transportation and sales documentation include the DoF FSC CoC code/sub-code and the appropriate FSC claim. Transportation and sales documentation for FSC Controlled Wood must contain the DoF FSC CW code and the statement "FSC Controlled Wood".
- g. All labeling of FSC products must be approved by SCS through the DoF. Approval records from SCS are maintained by the DoF.

Description of the system by which the organization maintains control over the Chain of Custody for all products included on the organization's certified product group list, covering:

- a) Quality management
- b) Material sourcing
- c) Material receipt and segregation
- d) Volume control
- e) System for controlling FSC claims
- f) Sales and delivery
- g) Labeling (where applicable)
- h) Outsourcing (where applicable)
- i) Minor components (where applicable)

Product Co FSC-STD-40-0			• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Control System	Material Category	Sites involved
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	Approx	ι. quantity sold:	Se	e At. 5 for Gr	•	
	Approx. quar	ntity purchased:	Se	e At. 5 for Gr	oup Member purchases	
	Includ	de units: volume, dry				
	provide <u>total</u> wood/fibe and re-evaluation aud			wood/fiber pure	chased and sold	
Wood / fiber pur	chased and sold o	ver previous 12 m	nonths			
		*Certificate shall not	be used fo	r material handle	ed at uncertified loca	ations.
Are there sites organization that in the certificate	t are not included	Remarks: The [DoF does	not own any	of the Group m	ember sites.
		x No	Ye	s*		
		slicing o	f logs into	o veneer.	ed by any Group	
			•			e group member hat outsource th

Product Code FSC-STD-40-004a	Species of material inputs (Common + Latin name)	FSC Material Category of Input	Control System	Material Category of Output	Sites involved
See IN DoF Product Group List, At. 1, Appendix B-2.	See IN DoF Product Group List, At. 1, Appendix B-2.	See IN DoF Product Group List, At. 1, Appendix B-2.	See IN DoF Product Group List, At. 1, Appendix B- 2.	See IN DoF Product Group List, At. 1, Appendix B-2.	See Site List, At. 4.

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Part 2D: Outsourcing	
N/A, does not use contractors for outsourced processing of FSC / PEFC product	

Contractors doing outsourced processing of materials/products covered by scope of certificate(s)

Expand as necessary to include all outsourcers or insert list (including all required information) into Appendix of report

Name of Contractor	Contact information	Outsourced activity	Organization's reason for outsourcing	Risk Level (High/Low)	#* (n/a if low risk)	Audited this year? (n/a if low risk)
Tri-State Timber Christenberry Logging	Jack Christenberry 3664 I St. Bedford, IN 812-582-2872	Logging	Capacity	Low	N/A	N/A
Tri-State Timber Pool Enterprises	Kevin Pool P.O. Box 3 Helmsburg, IN 812-988-6161	Logging	Capacity	Low	N/A	N/A
Tri-State Timber Franklin Logging	Tony Franklin 2206 W. Beaumont Bloomington, IN 812-360-6175	Logging	Capacity	Low	N/A	N/A
Tri-State Timber BMP Logging	Rock Neeley P.O. Box 11 Williams, IN 47470	Logging	Capacity	Low	N/A	N/A
Werner Sawmill Tim Werner Logging	Tim Werner3545 N 550 W, Jasper, IN 812-634-9444	Logging	Does not log timber	Low	N/A	N/A
Werner Sawmill Werner Chips, Inc.	3545 N 550 W, Jasper, IN 812-634-9444	Logging	Does not log timber	Low	N/A	N/A
Jasper Veneer Mills & Aurora Veneer Company Theising Veneer Company	300 Park Drive Mooresville, IN 46158 DMathers@theisin gveneer.com 317-831-4040	Veneer slicing	Exclusively contracts veneer slicing	Low	N/A	N/A
Jasper Veneer Mills Universal Production Corp.	1776 Tammarack Road Newark, OH 43055 Terry@universalve neer.com 740-788-2226	Veneer slicing	Exclusively contracts veneer slicing	Low	N/A	N/A
Wertz Timber and Veneer David R. Webb Veneers	206 S. Holland St. Edinburgh, IN 46124 Michael Maier 812- 526-2601	Veneer slicing	Exclusively contracts veneer slicing	Low	N/A	N/A
Wertz Timber and Veneer International Timber & Veneer	75 McQuiston Dr Jackson Center, PA 16133 Mike Rastatter	Veneer slicing	Exclusively contracts veneer slicing	Low	N/A	N/A

	724-662-0880					
Aurora Veneer Company Danzer Veneer	P.O. Box 3455 Williamsport, PA 570-322-4400 Eric Watkins	Veneer slicing	Exclusively contracts veneer slicing	Low	N/A	N/A

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* Indicators of high risk outsourcing
The organization is outsourcing a wide range of production related activities
2. The organization is outsourcing to a number of contractors on a regular basis
The contractor grades or sorts the material during outsourced processing
The contractors label the product during outsourced processing

PART 2C: Site information	N/A, only one site in certificate scope
NOTE: Administrative and manufacturing sites need to be considered and trade names must also be provided.	ered separately if administrative sites do the invoicing. Legal
All sites audited by SCS	
Complete site table below for all sites	
X Sites audited on sample-basis by SCS (Group or Mu	ulti-site Certificates only)
Verify List of Sites spreadsheet and submit with report (do	not complete site table below)

Site Table

						S	tand	dard	s	
Site name	CoC Admin	Address	Approx No Employees	Type of Facility	40-004	40-003	40-005	40-007	40-002	PEFC
See At. 3.	Jeff Settle, CoC Administrator for the Group Entity	See Group Member List IN DoF At. 3	See Group Member List IN DoF At. 3	See Group Member List IN DoF At. 3	х		х			

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- 5. Contractors do not physically return the FSC-certified product following outsourced processing
 - 6. The organization is outsourcing processing across national borders

PART 2E: FSC Controlled Wood N/A, does not deal in Controlled Material or FSC Controlled Wood, incl. PEFC only
Purchases FSC Controlled Wood from CW certified supplier(s) Purchases FSC CW, does not sell FSC CW (not certified to 40-005)
Purchases and sells FSC CW Risk Assessments not necessary, issue CW code
Implements a Controlled Wood verification program
Annex II risk assessments, does not sell FSC CW submit reviewed Risk Assessment(s)
x Annex II risk assessments, sells FSC CW submit reviewed Risk Assessment(s), issue CW code
Annex III site audits, does not sell FSC CW submit reviewed RA(s) showing categories of 'unspecified risk'
Annex III site audits, sells FSC CW submit reviewed RA(s) showing categories of 'unspecified risk', issue CW code
Suppliers of Controlled Material (non-FSC certified material included in organization's controlled wood

Supplier name and address	Description of non-FSC certified wood / fiber received	Species received (Common and Latin names)	Approx. volume received
See individual site supplier lists for sites assessing purchased logs as FSC Controlled Wood.	Logs, deciduous and coniferous	Black Cherry: Prunus serotina White Oak: Quercus alba Red Oak: Quercus rubra Hickory: Carya ovata Hickory: Carya ovalis Ash: Fraxinus Americana Black Walnut: Juglans nigra Tulip Poplar:Liriodendro n tulipifera Black Gum: Nyssa sylvatica White Pine: Pinus glabra	See site report for each group member audited.

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Description of the system by which the organization assessed the level of risk of their controlled material suppliers:	The risk level for all suppliers of logs assessed by IN DoF Group members was determined by the Risk Assessment executed by the IN DoF. This was submitted and approved by SCS.
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District(s) of Origin of non-certified wood included in organization's controlled wood verification program:

District of Origin (per Risk Assessment)	New	Updated	Approved
Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin			x
States of Washington and Oregon.			x
Ontario, Canada			х

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PART 2F: Minor Components X							
Expand as neces	Minor Components <1% Expand as necessary to include all minor components used (intended for use) in FSC products <1% For minor components between 1 and 5%, submit completed derogation application(s) from client (one per minor component)						
Common Trade Name of Component	Common Trade Name of Component Description of Component wood/fiber wood/fiber wood/fiber wood/fiber by volume/ weight of total product wood/fiber Species (where applicable) Species FSC Product Group & Product Code FSC-STD-40-004a FSC-STD-40-004a						
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Justification why material for the specified components could not be sourced from FSC-certified, controlled or reclaimed sources.

SECTION 3: Additional General Requirements

By acknowledging and agreeing to the findings provided in this report, the Organization hereby agrees to notify Scientific Certification Systems of any of the following changes that could have a material impact on their continued certification:

- ☑ Fulfillment of Corrective Action Requests (CARs) / conditions
- Date of production start of certified products if initial audit was conducted during absence of certified material
- ☑ Change in organization/company name
- ☑ Change in ownership and/or management
- ☑ Change in contact name(s) and address(es)
- Change to the scope of the certificate, as it appears on the certificate or FSC / PEFC database
- Addition of new facility(ies) and/or termination of facility(ies) covered by the certificate
- Circumstances and/or resource conditions that could materially impact the continued validity of the certification
- ☑ Addition / removal of Product Groups
- Material changes to existing Product Groups, such as commencement of new accounting systems or modification of product claims
- ☑ New use of the SCS and/or FSC Trademarks
- ☑ Incident report of incorrect claim or deviation from FSC or PEFC regulations
- ☑ Trademark misuse by suppliers
- New outsourcing agreements
- ☑ Agreements with vendors or other certificate holders for on-product labeling using certificate code
- ☑ Material change to documented control system
- ☑ Termination of FSC business in whole or in part
- ☑ Any other circumstances where the product may no longer comply with the requirements of the certification system

SECTION 4: Standard Conversions

1 mbf	2.36 m3
423.7 bf	1 m3
1 cord	2.55 m3
1 inch	2.54 cm
1 foot	0.3048 m
1 square foot	0.0929 m2
cubic foot	0.028317 m3

	1 yard	0.9144 m
	1 gallon (US)	3.78541 liters
1 pound		0.4536 kg
	1 US ton	907.185 kg
	1 UK ton	1016.047 kg
1 acre		0.405 hectares
	1 mile	1.60934 km

Appendix: Standard Conformity Checklist(s) and Required Supporting Documentation (suppliers, outsourcers, product group list, if not listed in report above)

Attachments:

See attachment folder for group member attachments

At. 1 IN DoF group member FSC procedures with Controlled Wood

At. 2 IN DoF Group Entity procedures

At. 3 Group Member site list

Ar. 4 IN DoF Risk Assessment

At. 5 Group members inputs and outputs



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SCS Checklist for FSC Group Chain of Custody Certification FSC-POL-40-002, FSC-PRO-40-002a and associated interpretations

For evaluation of the Group Entity

Certificate Holder: Indiana Department of Natural Resources-Division of Forestry

Audit for the Year: 2012

Auditor: Frank S. Judd

Date of audit: March 30, 2012

Group Certificate Overview

Describe the sites included in the certificate by type of businesses, number of facilities, their relationship to each other, their function and the standards they were evaluated against: Sites included in this group certificate all deal in the procurement and harvesting of timber and the subsequent sawmilling or veneer processing of logs. Most group members have no legal ties to each other; but these sites do frequently have commercial transactions among the group. This includes primarily the selling of logs from loggers to sawmills and/or veneer processors.

At the time of this audit, 60 sites were members. The sets of sites include 30 loggers and 30 primary processors (20 sawmills and 10 veneer processors/dealers). All sites were evaluated against FSC STD 40-004 V2-0. A number of sawmills and veneer processors were also evaluated against FSC STD 40-005 V2-1.

The Chain of Custody is controlled and monitored by the Group Entity, the Indiana State Department of Natural Resources-Division of Forestry (DoF). The DoF provides FSC CoC and Controlled Wood template procedures and guidance for each member. It audits all members Describe how Chain of Custody is annually. It provides information on FSC CoC and CW certification controlled and how responsibilities are through its website and periodic announcements and newsletters divided between the Group Entity and all to members. It has one DoF staff member, Jeff Settle, with the Group members: authority and responsibility for ensuring the compliant operation of the Group. The DoF is responsible to pay all fees to SCS. Group members must accurately complete the applicable procedure templates relevant to their site, including the product group list. Members are also responsible for: training and training records, supplier verification, receiving, invoicing, and shipping. If Group Entity is a membership No, all members included organization, are there other members of Yes, explain how this is controlled the organization that are not included on the Х N/A, not membership organization certificate? If yes, indicate whether company understands and Group members must have their company headquarters, or the acknowledges that certificate may not be used for material handled by uncertified members (FSC-STDparticipating site, in the State of Indiana. 40-002, 1.3.3). How many sites were audited? Central Office/Group Entity plus 12 of 60 sites in total. The DoF has the capacity to manage the number of sites that are currently included. It has two full time employees participating in fulfilling Group Entity responsibilities. Jeff Settle is responsible for all FSC certification activities in Indiana, and has full control over Assess the Group Entity's capacity this group certification at the state level. He has current computer (including resources and systems) to manage the number and complexity of the software and supporting systems, as provided by the state, for Number of sites on the certificate: regular communication with and direction of the group members. He has a state-owned vehicle used to visit all participating sites. John Seifert, the Indiana State Forester, also assists with the program.

C – conformance NC – non-conformance C w/Obs – conformance with observation N/A – requirement not applicable

SECTION 1 Group Eligibility Requirements					
Requirement Evidence and Findings Conformance					
FSC-PRO-40-002a List of approved national Chain of Custody group eligibility criteria					

FSC-PRO-40-002a.1.0 All initial group members did meet Group members meet international eligibility the existing national eligibility criteria criteria for Group COC certification of 15 or fewer members. All according to FSC-POL-40-004 section 1.4.3 members entered into the program, or approved national eligibility criteria since the adoption of the newly X C according to FSC-PRO-40-002a table 1.1 approved national eligibility criteria, NC where applicable. have sales of less than \$5 million US. C w/Obs All members do currently meet this eligibility requirement, as determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members. FSC-PRO-40-002a, 2.1 As determined by this auditor during Group members who joined a group the conduct of this audit of the Group Χ C according to the generic eligibility criteria as Entity and Group members, Group NC specified in the COC group Policy before members, that joined before the new C w/Obs the approval of new nationally adapted national criteria were adopted, have N/A, no national criteria eligibility criteria may stay in their group until continued to stay within this group: the certificate is terminated or withdrawn. their certification will terminate if the group certification is terminated or FSC-PRO-40-002a, 2.2 X C withdrawn. This was confirmed with New group members shall comply with NC the Group Administrator, Jeff Settle. nationally adapted eligibility criteria before C w/Obs joining a Group COC certificate. N/A. no national criteria The DoF does now require all new group members to meet the new FSC-PRO-40-002a,2,3 criteria (less than \$5million in sales, In the year that a group member surpasses US) in order to join this group. the defined threshold, its membership would become 'transitional'. Transitional The DoF does monitor individual membership in a group certificate is allowed C X group member's sales. If those sales until growth beyond the surpassed NC do exceed the threshold for 2 threshold is documented for 2 consecutive C w/Obs consecutive years, the individual years. At that time, the individual entity is no group member will be removed from (applicable to all) longer eligible to be part of the group this group. It would then become the certificate and shall pursue and transition to individual group member's an independent single certificate in order to responsibility to seek single FSC continue its certification. CoC certification.

Requirement	Evidence and Findings	Conformance
2.1 Group entity requirements		
Group entity authority		
2.1.1. In order to be eligible to apply for group certification, the group applicant must be an independent legal entity or an individual acting as a legal entity.	As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the DoF requires that all group members are Indiana-based, legal companies or corporate entities.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.2. The group entity shall be contractually responsible to the certification body for ensuring that the requirements of all relevant FSC guidelines are fully implemented by all members of the group.	The DoF and SCS have a signed contract, renewable on a two-year basis. As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF has met, and does continue to meet, all financial obligations of the contract; and it makes all payments to SCS.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.3. The group entity shall be responsible for ensuring that any conditions on which certification is dependent and any corrective action requests issued by the certification body thereafter are fully implemented.	As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, during the three years of this group certification's existence, the DoF has effectively monitored each group member. It has thoroughly checked on each members meeting of initial and continuing responsibilities; it has also ensured that the corrective actions issued by SCS have been fully implemented. The IN DoF, the Group Entity, has notified each Group member of CARs as issued by SCS for the 2011 annual surveillance. The closure of these CARs is not, however, fully described and/or documented in the annual audits by the IN DoF, of these certain Group members. The IN DoF also continues to use obsolete audit checklists that no longer include all applicable requirements of the FSC CoC and FSC CW standards.	C NC C w/Obs

2.1.4. The group entity shall have the authority to remove members from the scope of the group certificate if the requirements of group membership or any corrective action requests issued by the certification body or the group entity are not complied with.	As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the authority for the DoF to remove any member is included in requirements for group membership.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.5. The group entity should be responsible for collecting any fees due to FSC certification from the members.	As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF does collect all fees, if it requires them. It does make all payments to SCS. (To the date of this audit, the DoF has not requested annual payments from members.)	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.6. The group entity shall be responsible for the annual monitoring of each and every member. Monitoring procedures must be in line with the FSC CoC Certification Requirements and the guidelines in Sections 3 and 4 of this document.	As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF does conduct a site audit of all group members that have had any FSC transactions. It does monitor all group members throughout the year. The IN DoF continues to use obsolete audit checklists that no longer include all applicable requirements of the FSC CoC and FSC CW standards.	C X NC C w/Obs
Group entity system and documentation requ	uirements	
2.1.7. The group entity's responsibilities with respect to managing the chain of custody certification program for the group, shall be clearly defined and documented, including procedures for new members to join the certified group after a certificate has been awarded.	The DoF has prepared a comprehensive set of FSC CoC procedures for each group member; At. 1. As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, a second set of procedures and processes has been written and is in force for the IN DoF, entitled Division of Forestry (Group Entity) Procedures; At. 2.	X C NC C w/Obs

2.1.8. The group entity must have a system in place for providing information and/or training to group members.	As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF provides information and training to group members as follows: 1, DoF site training for FSC and other required aspects of logging and lumbering within IN; 2, Group and general training for FSC and other state requirements for training; 3, the group members DoF email list-serve for direct contact with all group members; 4, The Indiana Licensed Timber Buyers monthly bulletin; 5, the DoF website; and 6, the Forestry Exchange website for all IN. Much of the state training and information dissemination is carried out by: 1, the FSC Group Entity Administrator, Jeff Settle, traveling throughout the state and meeting with individual Group members; and 2, IN DoF seminars held at various times throughout Indiana.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.9. The group entity must carry out an initial inspection to verify that the potential group members comply with certification requirements, including business installation and documentation systems, before they can be admitted.	As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF conducts an initial inspection of each new group member. The DoF verifies that the potential group member can meet the required business installation and documentation system requirements before admission to the group.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.10. The group entity must have clear procedures for annual monitoring of each group member which is designed to ensure that CoC requirements are upheld. Additionally it must have a method for providing information on the results of its monitoring to the certification body.	See IN DoF procedures, 2.2.4 and 2.2.5. The DoF has established procedures in place to provide annual audits of all group members. This information is recorded on IN DoF computers, summarized by group member, and provided to the SCS auditor on a CD.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.12. The group entity must keep all CoC documents related to member businesses and have a centralized record keeping system related to inflows and outflows of material in member facilities. They must also be prepared to submit reports summarizing member activities.	All documents, as required for the DoF, are stored electronically on the Group Administrators computer and on the DoF server. A record of FSC inputs and outputs is summarized on an Excel spreadsheet. FSC inputs and outputs are detailed by each Group member; see At. 5.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.13. The group entity must have its own written guidelines that outline CoC procedures for member businesses.	See The IN DoF Group Entity Procedures; At. 2.	X C NC C w/Obs

New members		
2.1.14. The group entity shall have clear documented procedures for new members to join the certified group after the certificate has been awarded. The group entity must carry out an initial inspection of the business installations and their documented systems before they are eligible to enter into the certified group, and hence be permitted to use the FSC trademark.	See IN DoF Group Entity procedures At. 2, 2.2.1. As determined by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF conducts and "Initial Inspection" of new members before a new group member is accepted into the group. The IN DoF has a full and complete procedure template that is required for use by each group member.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.1.15. If a group member joins or leaves the group certification scheme, the group entity shall inform the certification body in writing within one month.	The DoF has notified SCS within one month, by email, of the addition or removal of group members. (Only one group member has been removed to date.) All Group members are included in At. 3, the current Group member list.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.2. The group entity shall have sufficient legal and management authority and technical support to implement the requirements and responsibilities specified in 2.1.1-2.1.15 and to support the size of group proposed for certification.	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the Indiana Division of Forestry is part of the Indiana State Department of Natural Resources. It has full authority and computer support to implement the requirements and responsibilities for itself, the Group Entity, and for the size of the existing group and compliant additions.	X C NC C w/Obs
FSC-STD-50-001 V1-1, Annex 2 1.2 The group entity shall not produce any document similar to an FSC certificate for its participants. If individual membership documents are issued, these statements shall be included: a) "Managing the FSC certification program of [name of group]" b) "Group certification by Scientific Certification Systems (SCS)"	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF has not produced any document similar to an FSC certificate for the group members. It has received, and forwarded to each member, the group member certificate provided by SCS.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.3 Group member requirements and responsibilities		
2.3.1 Every group member must comply with the FSC requirements of CoC certification as specified in the FSC CoC standards.	As evidenced in site audits by this auditor, the group members have complied with the requirements of the FSC CoC standards. Exceptions are included as non-compliances in the attached reports and CAR's checklist. All prior CAR's had been corrected, establishing continued compliance to this clause.	X C NC C w/Obs

2.3.2 The group members' management responsibilities, (e.g. with regard to management planning, monitoring, quality control, marketing) for certification shall be clearly defined and documented.	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, each group member's responsibilities regarding the management of its FSC program are delineated in 1.1, Eligibility, of both the Group Member Procedures and in the Group Entity Procedures: At. 1 and At. 2.	x	C NC C w/Obs
2.3.3 Any representation of certified status of group members and their products must be made in reference to the group. Each member must utilize the group's chain of custody code in relevant sales documentation.	Group members are listed as members of the DoF group with their products on the http://info.fsc.org website. As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, each member does utilize the IN DoF group FSC CoC and/or CW code, with its respective sub-code, in relevant sales and/or delivery documents. Exceptions to a member's compliant use of the COC and/or CW code are addressed as non-conformances by the IN DoF; and corrective actions are taken by the Group member.	x	C NC C w/Obs
2.4 Informed consent of group members			
2.4.1 A 'consent form' or its equivalent must be signed by each group member or the member's representative who voluntarily wishes to join the certification scheme. The consent form: i. acknowledges and agrees to the requirements and responsibilities of group membership; ii. agrees to membership of the scheme for the full period of validity of the group certificate; iii. acknowledges their compliance with the chain of custody guidelines; and iv. authorizes the group entity to apply for certification on the member's behalf.	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF has developed a Group Member application. It meets the State of Indiana requirements for participation. It also requires the applying company agree to the requirements of the applicable FSC requirements and include a signature of the responsible individual. The application also requires compliance with the attached procedures that include DoF requirements for eligibility: compliance with or inclusion of sub clauses: i, ii, iii, and iv of this clause.	x	C NC C w/Obs
2.4.2 The group entity must provide each group member with documentation, or access to documentation, specifying the relevant terms and conditions of group membership. The documentation shall include:			
i. a copy of the Chain of Custody certificati committed;	on standard to which the group is	X	C NC C w/Obs
ii. explanation of the certification process;		X	C NC C w/Obs

iii. explanation of the certification body's, and FSC's, rights to access the group members' documentation and installations for the purposes of evaluation and monitoring;		X C NC C w/Obs
iv. explanation of the certification body's and FSC's requirements with respect to public information;		X C NC C w/Obs
 v. explanation of any obligations with respectations a) maintenance of information for monitoring b) use of systems for tracking and tracing c) requirement to conform with conditions certification body; d) any special requirements related to many by the certificate; e) use of the FSC trademarks and productions of group membership. 	ing purposes; of forest products; or corrective actions issued by the rketing or sales of products covered et claims; nd sub code; and	X C NC C w/Obs
vi. costs associated with group membership	explanation of any	X C NC C w/Obs
Findings determined by this auditor during the conduct of the audit of the Group Entity and Group members related to above documentation requirements confirmed that:		
 i. All group members audited has paper copies of the current applicable FSC standards. ii. The certification process is thoroughly explained in the Group membership procedures. iii. The right of the IN DoF and the certifying body, SCS, are explained in Group member's procedures, At. 1, 1.1 Eligibility. iv. Each group member agrees to provide all required information to the IN DoF, a public body with the requirement of making all information public, on request. All group members are listed on the DoF website, along with copies of the initial FSC evaluations and following annual surveillances. v. The requirements for eligibility, At.1, section 1.1, in the individual group member's procedures, along with the requirements for compliance within the body of those procedures, fully document the respective obligations of each group member as referred to in sub clauses v: a, b, c, d, e, f, and g. vi. Costs of group membership are described in At. 1, 1.2 Membership fees and 1.3 Annual Licensing fees. 		
2.5 Group records	r maintaining the following records up t	to data at all times.
2.5.1 The group entity shall be responsible fo i. list of names and addresses of group members, together with date of entry into group CoC certification scheme and sub code assigned;	Ref. the DoF Group member list; At. 3.	x C NC C w/Obs
ii. evidence of consent of all group members, preferably in the form of a signed 'consent form' (see paragraph 2.4, above);	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, a signed application form (consent agreement) is retained in the file folder of each group member; this is physically on file with the Group Entity Administrator.	X C NC C w/Obs

iii. relevant documentation and records regarding the scope of Chain of Custody certification for each group member.	iii. As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, all records, relevant to each group member' CoC certification, are retained in file folders by the Group Entity Administrator, Jeff Settle.	X C NC C w/Obs
iv. records demonstrating the implementation of any internal control or monitoring systems (see paragraphs 2.1.2 - 2.1.5, above). Such records shall include records of internal inspections, noncompliance identified in such inspections, actions taken to correct any such noncompliance;	iv. As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, copies of all FSC CoC audits, conducted by the IN DoF and SCS, are retained, in Word files, by the Group Entity Administrator. Records include the dates of site audits and non-compliances. Separate records include Group member actions to correct specified non-conformances.	X C NC C w/Obs
v. relevant documentation regarding production and sales;	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, IN DoF audit records include FSC purchases and sales data.	X C NC C w/Obs
vi. the date of leaving of any group members, and an explanation of the reason why the member left the group; and	The date of withdrawals are recorded on the Group site master list; At. 3. A column is included on the site master list for withdrawal dates.	X C NC C w/Obs
vii. relevant documentation showing that they meet the definition of a "small enterprise"	The audit form used by the DOF requires the Group member to describe and document their meeting of the definition of a "small enterprise." This is then recorded as the number of employees (former requirement) of the amount of sales in \$US (current requirement). See At. 1.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.5.2 Documentation shall be archived for at least 5 years.	Group members agree and consent, as part of the Group member eligibility requirements, to retain all relevant FSC documents for five years. Indiana State policy for the DoF requires the retention of all DoF records for five years. See At. 1, application form.	X C NC C w/Obs

2.6 Certification costs		
2.6.1 The group entity shall be fully responsible to the certification body for paying all the costs of evaluation and monitoring throughout the period of validity of the certificate.	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, IN DoF Group Entity procedures clearly state the IN DoF is responsible to pay all fees to the certification body. The IN DoF has signed contracts with SCS, for two years at time, to cover all certification costs relevant to this Group certification.	X C NC C w/Obs
FSC Trademarks		
FSC-STD-50-001 V1-1, Annex 2 1.1 The group entity (or manager, or central office), shall ensure that all uses of the FSC trademarks by the group entity or its individual members are approved by the certification body prior to use. Group members shall submit all approvals via the group entity or central office and keep records of approvals.	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the IN DoF Group Administrator does require that Group members submit all requests for the use of FSC trademarks to his (the Group Administrator's) office. The Group Administrator has forwarded such requests to SCS through the SCS client portal; and has demonstrated, to this auditor, the ability to access that site and obtain approval records.	X C NC C w/Obs
FSC-STD-50-001 V1-1, Annex 2 1.3 No other forest certification schemes' marks or names shall appear on any documents issued by the group in connection with FSC certification, e.g. in cases where the group entity also manages groups certified by other schemes.	The Indiana DoF also has a FM/COC certification for Indiana State Forests, issued by SCS. As confirmed by this auditor with SCS staff and John Seifert, the IN State Forester, discrepancies with Indiana State contracts for the sale of FSC timber have been corrected and are now compliant.	X C NC C w/Obs
2.7 The group CoC certificate will license all members of the group to use the FSC Trademarks under specified conditions. However the group entity may not issue sub-licenses for use of the FSC Trademarks.	As confirmed by this auditor during the conduct of this audit of the Group Entity and Group members, the Group Entity, the IN DoF, has not issued sub-licenses for the use of any of the FSC Trademarks.	X C NC C w/Obs