

### **Public Notification Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd**

Asia Pulp & Paper (APP) is open for cooperation opportunities to purchase pulpwood (chip) from:

Name of Supplier : **Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd**  
Business Type : Distributor/Wholesaler  
Business Location : Australia  
Supply Scheme : Open Purchase

**Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd** has passed APP's risk assessment process, known as the Supplier Evaluation and Risk Assessment (SERA). Prior to the submission to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for final approval and inclusion of their entry into APP's Approved Suppliers List, APP conducts a Stakeholder Notification process to address any concerns stakeholders might have regarding the addition of **Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd** into APP's suppliers list.

The stakeholder notification will be opened on: **22 May – 05 June 2024**

Those who would like to raise any concerns are invited to send their messages to:

Email : sustainability@app.co.id  
Subject : Stakeholder Notification – Feedback on ABP

Additional Notes:

1. Supplier's certification

- a. Certificate Number : SCS-COC-006662/SCS-CW-006662
- b. Certificate Scope : FSC CoC/CW
- c. Expiry Date : 25 August 2021 – 24 August 2026

2. Summary of SERA result:

No	Indicators	Evidence	Risk Categories
1	Company, or any of its associated company <sup>1</sup> , convert natural forest to other land use (plantation forest, agriculture, etc) after February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2013.	Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd had FSC Certification, it means that relationship of Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd with other companies has been disclosed to FSC  Based on their Public Certification Summary for Evaluation of Controlled Wood according to FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 audited on July 2020, Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd sourcing area is not from converted natural forest to plantations or non-forest use.	LOW
2	Country/Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Australia</li><li>• CPI Australia in 2023 based on transparency.org is 75 (<a href="https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2023/index/aus">https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2023/index/aus</a>)</li><li>• WJP Index Score for Australia in 2023 is 0.80 (<a href="https://worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index/global/2023/Australia/">https://worldjusticeproject.org/rule-of-law-index/global/2023/Australia/</a>)</li></ul>	LOW

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPI and WJP Score showing Corruption index and the adherence to the rule of law on Australia are good and strong.</li> </ul>	
3	Tree Species	Based on their FSC Certificate: <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> and <i>Pinus radiata</i>	LOW
4	Third party certification/verification	<p><b>FSC Certificate:</b>  SCS-COC-006662  SCS-CW-006662  Issued by SCS Global  Validity: August 25, 2021 – August 24, 2026  The validity of the FSC Certificate has been confirmed on the FSC website  (<a href="https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000007RqoBAAS/">https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000007RqoBAAS/</a>)</p>	LOW
5	CoC System	<p>Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has been certified by FSC CoC Certification, where FSC requires the organization to make procedures related to CoC system, and all of its implementation in every part involved will be assessed in the audit process. That means Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has a CoC System and already implements it in daily operation. For example, Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has a FSC-COC Policy that contains a commitment to ensure all operational activities are aligned with FSC Standards, and they have a Standard Operational Procedure for CoC (SOP Code: ABP FSC Chain of Custody Manual)</p> <p>Covered on Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd FSC Certificate No. SCS-COC-006662/ SCS-CW-006662. The validity of the FSC Certificate has been confirmed on the FSC website (<a href="https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000007RqoBAAS/">https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000007RqoBAAS/</a>)</p>	LOW
	a. Identification of Supplier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on the summary of the FSC DDS audit, the suppliers (sources) of Roundwood are from Plantation Forest in Western Australia, Victoria and Southern Australia (Including ABP own Forest Management that has been certified by FSC FM (SCS-FM/COC-006663).</li> <li>• FSC DDS audit was conducted and the Summary can be accessed on: <a href="https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000007RqoBAAS/?tab=documents">https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000007RqoBAAS/?tab=documents</a></li> </ul>	
	b. Supplier Risk Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on the summary of the FSC DDS audit, the suppliers (sources) of Roundwood are from Plantation Forest in Western Australia, Victoria and Southern Australia.</li> <li>• FSC DDS audit was conducted and the Summary can be accessed on: <a href="https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000007RqoBAAS/?tab=documents">https://search.fsc.org/en/certificate/a0240000007RqoBAAS/?tab=documents</a></li> </ul>	
6	Legality Compliance	Based on the Supplier Evaluation & Risk Assessment (SERA) Questionnaire 2024, Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has officially written clear address information with email and contact person where all the information above can be tracked	LOW

		<p>and contacted. They also have a website that can be accessed on <a href="https://www.austgum.com.au/">https://www.austgum.com.au/</a></p> <p>Besides that, one of the requirements of FSC CoC Certification on FSC Standard FSC-STD-40-004 is compliance with timber legality legislation. Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has been FSC CoC Certified, which means everything related to timber legality are assessed during the FSC Audit process</p>	
7	Protection of High Conservation Value	<p>ABP has a positive impact on the environment in many ways, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conserving soil and reducing wind and water erosion impact</li> <li>- Providing corridor zones and protection for wildlife in an altered landscape typically devoid of large scale vegetation</li> <li>- Improving biodiversity by protecting and restoring remnant vegetation and habitats that potentially house threatened animals, plants and ecosystem.</li> </ul> <p>FSC-STD-40-005 – Requirements for sourcing FSC Controlled Wood has indicators for risk assessment related to the Protection of HCV areas, they are:</p> <p>3.1 <i>Forest management activities at the relevant level (ecoregion, sub-ecoregion, local) do not threaten eco-regionally significant HCVs</i></p> <p>3.2 <i>A strong system of protection (effective protected areas and legislation) is in place that ensures survival of the HCVs in the ecoregion.</i></p> <p>Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has passed FSC CW and CoC Certification, which means everything related to the Protection of HCV are assessed during the FSC Audit process</p>	LOW
8	Species protection as listed within the IUCN red list of Critical Endangered Species and Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)	<p>Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has a FSC CoC/CW certification, concern regarding to protection of species that listed on IUCN and CITES also being considered in the FSC Standard (FSC-STD-40-005 – Requirements for sourcing FSC Controlled Wood)</p>	LOW
9	Company's respect to traditional civil or human rights?	<p>Covered on Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd FSC Certificate No. SCS-COC-006662/SCS-CW-006662, because there are indicators on FSC-STD-40-005 related to respecting traditional civil or human rights (Indicators 2.1 – 2.5)</p>	LOW
10	Compliance to ILO Core Conventions (Child Labor, Freedom of Association, Forced Labor, and Discrimination)	<p>Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has some Policy according to Compliance to ILO Core Conventions, they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ABP Core: Labor Policy</li> <li>- ABP Employee Manual</li> <li>- Right of Workers to Form a Union Policy</li> <li>- Policy for the Association for Organization with FSC</li> </ul> <p>Beside that, there are Labor union in Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty., Ltd, they are CFMEU union and MUA union. There are some evidence that ABP Provide strong support for the Labor union: Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for Port staff and harvest contractor staff. Negotiated through unions for staff conditions and wages</p>	LOW

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11	Company's respect to Safety and Health for forest worker	<p>Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd has ABP Health and Safety Policy to ensuring the Health and Safety of their worker.</p> <p>Australian Bluegum Plantation Pty. Ltd, because one of the requirements on FSC-STD-40-004 – Chain of Custody Certification is:</p> <p><i>1.4 The organization shall commit to occupational health and safety (OHAS). At a minimum, the organization shall appoint an OHAS representative, establish and implement procedures adequate to its size and complexity, and train its staff on OHAS.</i></p> <p>Beside that, ABP is strongly committed to ensure that the health and safety of their employees, contractors, visitors and communities always comes first. ABP Stated in their website (<a href="https://www.austgum.com.au/">https://www.austgum.com.au/</a>) that their Health and safety policies, procedures and practices are integral to all areas of their operation including, for example: Fire management, environmental management, use of vehicle, chemicals and dangerous goods, fatigue management and general duty of care obligations for employees and employees.</p>	LOW
12	No introduction of genetically modified organism	<p>There is no legislation does include a ban for the commercial use of GMO (trees) in Australia, However, under the Gene Technology Act 2000, an 'intentional release' into the environment of GMO requires a license obtained from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator.</p> <p>According to the Table of applications and authorizations for commercial releases of GM plants (GMO register entries and subset of list of licenses involving Intentional release), there are currently no GMO tree species for which DIR applications have been made; nor authorizations for commercial release granted (as at April 2018).</p>	LOW