

Forest Management System – Summary Audit Report			
Client name:	Pentarch Forestry Pty Ltd	Certificate #	AFS 605327
Client address	99 Coventry St South Bank 3006	Website:	pentarch.com.au
Audit type:	Surveillance assessment	Audit dates:	12-16 December 2022
Standard/s:	AS4708:2013 and AS4708:2021	Auditor:	Ross Garsden
This document provides a summary of the findings contained in a report to this client with respect to the implementation of the client's management system as determined during an audit conducted by BSI.			

Scope of certification:

Management of plantations and native forests within New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania and the marketing of forest products.

Executive summary:

This report presents the findings of a routine surveillance assessment of Pentarch Forestry with respect to conformance with the requirements of AS4708:2013 and AS4708:2021. The audit was conducted on-site with some follow-up work conducted remotely. The audit included an assessment of forest management activities associated with native forests and hardwood plantations in southern NSW.

For the remote component, the audit employed Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) including Microsoft Teams for real-time interviews and screen sharing as well as mobile phone and email for file sharing and general communications. There were no connectivity issues that adversely impacted the conduct of the audit and the objectives were achieved.

All system documentation and records were readily accessible throughout the assessment. Key staff were available as required.

Key strengths of the business and its management system identified during this audit included the effectiveness of internal audit and management review arrangements.

Significant improvement was noted in relation to:

- the newly adopted approach to managing the Planting and Fertiliser Plan;
- the use of JotForm as a temporary measure to solve remote field data collection issues; and
- the development of the Risk Register for the Sapphire Forests Estate.

There were no non-conformances requiring closure from the previous assessment, and no new non-conformances were identified during this assessment. The assessment also considered the actions taken in relation to the opportunities for improvement noted in the previous report. The report includes a brief description of the actions taken, consistent with the company's commitment to continual improvement. All areas have been actioned appropriately, however work is continuing one area in relation to verification of payment worker entitlements.

This audit identified a number of opportunities for improvement which are detailed in the full report. Pentarch Forestry continues to improve the effectiveness of its forest

management system and demonstrate its progress towards meeting the requirements of AS4708:2021.

The audit has verified that Pentarch Forestry continues to operate a forest management system in conformance with the requirements of AS 4708:2013 and a recommendation is made for continued certification.

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Defined forest area statement

Pentarch's defined forest area consists of four forest management units: namely, mainland Eucalypt plantations, mainland native forests, Tasmanian eucalypt plantations (N1 and N2).

Defined forest area (in hectares): as at 30 June 2022	6,891 hectares
Advised to AFS Limited on:	11 November 2022
Certificate expires on:	31 May 2024

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