

# Commitment to Forest Certification



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### **Business Details**

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### **Commitment to Forest Certification**

#### Policies and Standards

Logic Forest Solutions Ltd commit to adhere to any Principles and Criteria in the management unit and to related Forest Certification Policies and Standards.

Logic Forest Solutions Ltd considers Forest Certification systems an essential tool for promoting responsible forest management for the forests managed by us.

Logic Forest Solutions Ltd also considers that, by complying with any Forest Certification standards, forests are properly managed from an ecological point of view, generate social benefits and are economically viable.

We want that through the procedures and measures taken in order to implement the requirements of any Forest Certification standards, we ensure the continuity of the use of wood resources, accessory products and environmental services not only for the present generations but also for those that will follow.

We have become aware of, and undertake to adhere to, the Forest Certification systems in the Management Unit, and to the related Forest Certification system Policies and Standards. We undertake to respect and make every effort to fulfil the requirements of the Forest Certification systems for forest management in order to contribute to the responsible management of forests.

We agree to provide the certification body, subject to confidentiality, with the requested documents and to ensure its access to the managed forests that are included in the scope of the certificate.

Based on the above, we undertake to:

- Respect the national and international legislation (CITES, ILO, ITTO, CBD, etc.) to which New Zealand is a signatory party and to fulfil the requirements of the 10 Principles and Criteria of the Forest Certification Standard for forest management.
- Respect property rights and do not harm the integrity of the property of the stakeholders of the Forest Certificate Management Unit(s)
- Implement legal measures to prevent and combat illegal cutting, poaching, violations of the forest fund and other illegal or unauthorized activities.
- Respect the national anti-corruption legislation and the acts assimilated to it, respectively the commitments assumed by the anti-corruption policy.
- Develop procedures for the expression of complaints and complaints and to ensure mechanisms to resolve them and implicitly the damages caused.
- Respect the general principle of equal opportunities and treatment with the aim of eliminating any discrimination based on race, sex, religion, political opinions, national or social origin, marital status, parental status or sexual orientation.
- Support the socio-economic development objectives of local communities, including by facilitating access to wood for local operators, encouraging the purchase of local goods and services, providing firewood for members of local communities.
- Offer employment and training opportunities to local communities in the area.



- Ensure the fulfilment of all the requirements related to Labor Protection and to monitor compliance with the requirements related to Labor Protection also by the exploitation companies or contractors.
- Ensure that forest management operations will aim at the efficient use of the multiple functions of the forest to ensure economic viability and a wide range of environmental and social advantages.
- Identify and take measures to protect rare, threatened or endangered species.
- Designate/maintain a network of conservation areas of at least 10% of the certified surface, as representative areas of natural ecosystems that will have biodiversity conservation as a priority objective.
- Ensure the preservation within the necessary ecological limits of the dead wood on the ground and on the feet/trees for biodiversity.
- Respect the technical norms of exploitation and to ensure the protection of the soil, watercourses and neighbouring ecosystems.
- Avoid the use of chemical substances as much as possible and to exclude from total use substances prohibited by any Forest Certification standards. In case of use, this will be done only in extreme cases and in compliance with the rules in force.
- Monitor the forest so that we have permanent and accurate data about the current state of the forest, the forest production, the chain of custody, the management of activities and their social and environmental impact.
- Properly identify, through a participatory, transparent process, the High Conservation Values (HCV), and to implement appropriate management strategies to ensure their maintenance and/or improvement in the Management Unit by applying the precautionary principle.

Our staff, as well as those of the contracting companies, will be trained on the procedures developed in order to comply with and implement the requirements of the Forest Certification standards.

We have taken note of the provisions of the Forest Certification standards and we undertake to comply with all the requirements and provisions imposed by it as a long term commitment of at least the length of one rotation.

Signed:



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