

Forest Management Certification Assessment of Segezha Pulp and Paper Mill JSC in Republic of Karelia, Russia 24/10/2016

Introduction - NEPCon is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification assessment of the **Segezha Pulp and Paper Mill JSC** located in Republic of Karelia, Russia. The assessment will be implemented from 19/12/2016 to 26/12/2016.

Scope of the Certification Assessment – The forest management certification assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the forests managed by **Segezha Pulp and Paper Mill JSC**, using the standard FSC-STD-RUS-V6-1-2012 Russia Natural and Plantations EN. To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact NEPCon by telephone, email or website listed below. NEPCon is accredited by FSC and this assessment process must follow procedures which have been approved.

Assessment Team Composition – The assessment team will be led by Evgeniy Vikulov (Ostashkov, Russia). The team members will be named later.

Assessment Steps and Schedule – Following is a short description of the certification process and a tentative agenda:

- ◆ Assessment organization – NEPCon team will assemble in Segezha on 18/12/2016.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit the forest management units from 19/12/2016 to 26/12/2016.
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions, and public stakeholder meetings.
- ◆ Final assessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with **Segezha Pulp and Paper Mill JSC** managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The assessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to **Segezha Pulp and Paper Mill JSC**. This should occur within 15 days after completion of the assessment.
- ◆ Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from **Segezha Pulp and Paper Mill JSC** forest managers, and other general stakeholder comments, NEPCon will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by March, 18, 2017.

Your Input Sought – As a part of the forest certification assessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above as well as comments on the FME's management and protection of High Conservation Values within the forest under evaluation. We welcome input, either public or confidential, in whatever form is easiest and most secure for you. Your input will be valuable at any stage of the assessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the assessment, during the assessment, or prior to 26/01/2017 so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision of by March, 18, 2017. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a NEPCon assessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Evgeniy Vikulov, NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this certification assessment from NEPCon Russia. If Evgeniy Vikulov is not in the office, please give your comments to Nikolay Tochilov.
3. Submit written comments by mail or email to Nikolai Tochilov. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the **Segezha Pulp and Paper Mill JSC**.

The source of any information provided will be kept confidential available to only to FSC and NEPCon staff.

Stakeholders who may wish to dispute any aspect of the forest certification process or decision can access NEPCon's Dispute Resolution Policy at www.nepcon.org

Contacting NEPCon

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List of forest management units being included into the scope of certification assessment:

Lease agreement	Term of lease	Forestry, Forest district	Compartments	Total area, ha
57-z dated 19.12.2008	31.12.2053	Segezhskiye tsentralnoye lesnichestvo: Kucherskoye Chernoporozhskoye Nadvoitskoye Kuleminskoye Волдозерское Segezhskoye Vygozerskoye Вожмогорское Urusozerskoye Tayginitskoye Poropporozhskoye Vozhmozerskoye	1-218 1-337 1-328 1-211 1-218 1-319 1-93 1-109 1-466 1-61 1-321 1-63	897870,48
58-z dated 19.12.2008	31.12.2053	Segezhskiye tsentralnoye lesnichestvo: Vodlozerskoye lesnichestvo	219-244	22 032
59-z dated 19.12.2008	31.12.2053	Belomorskoye tsentralnoye lesnichestvo: Tungudskoye Letninskoye Lekhtinskoye lesnichestvo	1-23, 25-60, 68-78 1-16, 22-31, 35-44, 46-74, 76-83 1-33, 34-36, 38-52, 54-67, 72-81, 87-95, 130-132	196 193
60-z dated 19.12.2008	31.12.2053	Belomorskoye tsentralnoye lesnichestv: Tungudskoye Летнинское Lekhtinskoye	24, 61-67 17-20, 32-34, 45, 75, 84-159 37, 53, 68-71, 82-86, 96-129	114 485

		Pertozerskoye	1-184	
54-z dated 19.12.2008	31.12.2053	Medvezhyegorskoye tsentralnoye lesnichestvo: Kusinskoye Selegskoye Yukkaogubskoye Danilovskoye Padanskoye Sergiyevskoye Shalgovaarskoye Maslozerskoye	39-43, 52-55, 71-74, 84-86, 88-91, 102- 108, 118-126, 133-137 9, 15, 25, 29, 38, 39 1-69 186-196, 203- 211 1-61, 68-75, 83-89, 94-97, 108-122 206-228 1-111 1-86	342 083
55-z dated 19.12.2008	31.12.2053	Medvezhyegorskoye tsentralnoye lesnichestvo: Selegskoye Kumsinskoye lesnichestvo	1-8, 10-14, 16-24, 26-28, 30-37, 40-68; 57-61, 75-79, 92-96, 109- 113, 127, 128	53 028
Total				1 625 691,48