

## Forest Management Certification Reassessment of PF Olsen Ltd in Rotorua - New Zealand 21 March 2022

**Introduction** - NEPCon is conducting forest management and chain of custody certification reassessments of the PF Olsen Ltd located in Rotorua - New Zealand. The assessment will be implemented from 2 to 9 May 2022.

**Scope of the Certification Assessment** – The forest management certification assessment will assess the environmental, silvicultural and socioeconomic aspects of the plantation managed by PF Olsen Ltd, using the FSC-STD-NZL-01-2012 New Zealand; FSC-STD-30-005V2-0 FM Groups Standard; NEPCon CoC Standard for FME 12 Sept 19 and FSC-STD-50-001 V2-1. To obtain a copy of the applicable guidelines or to make comments about these standards, please contact NEPCon by telephone, FAX, email or website listed below. For FSC accredited standard, please access FSC document center website. Please note that the standard may be modified to take account of stakeholder comments. NEPCon is accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC™) and this reassessment process must follow procedures which have been approved.

**Reassessment Team Composition** – The Reassessment team will be led by Mr. Graeme Gillies.

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

- ◆ Reassessment organization – NEPCon team will assemble in Rotorua on 1 May 2022.
- ◆ Field assessments – The team will visit sites managed by PF Olsen Ltd from 2 to 9 May 2022.
- ◆ Stakeholder consultation – Throughout the fieldwork, the team will contact local stakeholders regarding PF Olsen forest management in villages surrounding the forest area. This will include private interviews and discussions and meetings.
- ◆ Final reassessment briefing – Prior to departure the team will meet with PF Olsen managers and other parties to finalize their data collection and present preliminary findings.
- ◆ Draft report production – The reassessment team will produce a confidential draft report that will be circulated for comment to PF Olsen. This should occur 14 days after completion of the reassessment. Certification decision – Upon receipt of comments on the draft report from PF Olsen forest managers and other general stakeholder comments, NEPCon will reach a certification decision. Barring unforeseen obstacles, this should occur by 20 July 2022.

**Your Input Sought** – As a part of the forest certification reassessment process we invite stakeholders to offer comment and feedback on PF Olsen forest management in relation to conformance with the requirements of the forest management standard referenced above. 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 reassessment process, but we would prefer to receive your comments either prior to the reassessment, during the reassessment, or prior to 23 May 2022 so that we can take them into consideration in reaching a certification decision by 8 June 2022. Your options for communicating your observations to us are as follows.

1. Meet with a NEPCon reassessment team member during or shortly after the fieldwork.
2. Call and give comments to Pratama B Kurniaji, NEPCon staff person responsible for coordinating this certification reassessment from Asia Pacific Regional Office.
3. Submit written comments by mail, FAX or email to Pratama B Kurniaji. Unless you request otherwise, these comments will be kept confidential and are solely for the purposes of assessing the PF Olsen.

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 <https://preferredbynature.org/>

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