



**Catalyst Paper Corporation
2014 Public Summary Report
Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) Standard [2010-2014 Edition]**

Project Scope and Objectives

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) completed a SFI Procurement Initial Certification Assessment of Catalyst Paper Corporation's (Catalyst) Wood Fibre Procurement in British Columbia and Washington State by the central office in Richmond, BC and the Crofton, Port Alberni and Powell River Divisions. The assessment included an office assessment in Richmond, BC and on-site assessments in Crofton and Port Alberni. The Lead Assessor was Bruce Eaket, RPF, EMS (LA).

The primary objective of the assessment was to evaluate Catalyst's implementation of the SFI Standard and to assess the SFI management system at both the central office and at the facilities. Catalyst does not conduct purchase stumpage/timber sale operations and purchases fibre through long term wood supply agreements with well-established landowners or tenure holders.

Indicators

The scope of the assessment was Objectives 8-10, 14-17 and 19-20. Objectives 1-7 and 18 do not apply as Catalyst does not own or manage a material amount of forest land. Objectives 11-13 do not apply as Catalyst does not procure fibre from outside of the United States and Canada. There were no substitute indicators.

Assessment Process

The assessment team conducted interviews with staff and other stakeholders as appropriate. Documents were reviewed at the central office and at primary facilities. Fibre supply agreements were reviewed and suppliers were interviewed. The report was dated March 17, 2014.

Summary of Conformance

Although Catalyst does not own or manage forest lands and does not control any harvesting, they are committed to improving sustainable forestry practices in the areas where they procure fibre. For example, Catalyst participated in the negotiations and was signatory to the original Coast Forest Conservation Initiative and has joined the Western Canada SFI Implementation Committee. Catalyst sends sustainable forest management information to non-certified suppliers and contractually requires all suppliers to meet legal requirements. Catalyst also has an in-house health and safety system and annually produces a publicly available Sustainability Report that summarizes non-compliance issues. For their Best Management Practice monitoring program, Catalyst relies on forest practice monitoring information that is publicly available from various government organizations in British Columbia and Washington State.

Summary of Findings

There were no nonconformities identified.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

- Catalyst is obtaining and reviewing BMP compliance monitoring information; however, Catalyst could consider implementing their own log supplier BMP program to participate with and support the efforts of the Western Canada SFI Implementation Committee in collecting and reporting BMP monitoring information.
- Catalyst is preparing and distributing supplier information packages and recognizes that the information will need to be updated periodically. However, the updating process is not currently included in the Catalyst SFIS procedures.

Conclusion

Catalyst's procurement operations conform to the SFI Standard. The certificate can be obtained by contacting Kevin Gaffney, Manager, Accounting, Fibre Supply and Supply Chain at (604) 247-4391. More information on Catalyst's sustainable forestry program can be found at: <http://www.catalystpaper.com>.