

# Forest Certification UPDATE



## FORNEBU LUMBER COMPANY INC.

### DESCRIPTION OF COMPANY

Fornebu Lumber Company, is a lumber products and forest management operation. The company owns 16 000 hectares of productive forest land in New Brunswick, Canada and helps manage 900 000 hectares of forest land of behalf of the Crown. The annual harvest exceeds 1 000 000 m<sup>3</sup>. Each year approximately 7 000 000 trees are planted and 5 000 hectares of trees are thinned.

The sawmill division owns and operates a specialized framing lumber sawmill in Bathurst, New Brunswick. At full capacity the sawmill consumes 400 000 m<sup>3</sup> of wood, and produces 100 mmbf, or roughly 30 000 km of framing lumber annually. 75% of the lumber is exported to the US, with the majority of the production being utilized in the housing market.

### BACKGROUND

During the period of Nov 2 to Nov 7 2015 Fornebu Lumber Company Inc. underwent a re-registration audit to the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard and SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard standards. The registration cycle is over 3 years with surveillance audits conducted annually. This report summarizes the audit process and the results of the SAI Global evaluation.

### SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

- Forest management activities – planning, harvesting, transportation and silviculture on New Brunswick Crown Land (License-3) and company freehold.
- Sourcing of fiber from private land owners in New Brunswick. The appendix 1: Rules of Use of SFI Certified Sourcing Label is not covered by the scope of this certificate

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sustainable Forestry Initiative® (SFI®) program third-party audit was undertaken by SAI Global. SAI Global is an independent third party registrar that is accredited by the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board (ANAB) for registrations to SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard and SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard. This ensures the integrity and credibility of the audit process.

The audit assessed active and completed harvest operations through interviews with the company staff and contractors. The audit also assessed the SFI documentation and records at the company's office.



**THE AUDITORS**

The SAI Global audit team who performed the audit consisted of Daniel Martin, ing.f., audit team leader. The auditor is a Professional Forester and certified lead auditor.

**AREAS OF NON-CONFORMANCE**

Type	Performance Measure #	Description
Minor	SFI 2015-2019 Standards and Rules, Section 5 – Rules for the use of SFI on-product Labels and off-product marks.	<p>There is no evidence that Fornebu Lumber Company Inc. has received the authorization from the SFI Office of Label Use and Licensing for the Off-product marks being used on the Green Book.</p> <p>This minor NCR was raised for both the Forest Management and the Fiber Sourcing audits.</p>

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

- FM 8.3.1 Consider gathering available information on traditional forest-related knowledge relevant to local Indigenous Peoples.

## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS

Fornebu Lumber Company Inc has developed corrective action plans to address the root causes of the non-conformities identified during the audit. The root cause analysis and proposed corrective actions have been reviewed by SAI Global Lead auditor to ensure that they are appropriate, and fully address the identified deficiencies. At the next annual audit a follow-up on the implemented corrective actions will be done to confirm that the corrective actions were appropriate and effective in ensuring the non-conforming situation will not reoccur.

## COMPLAINTS

No complaints have been received; therefore, the complaint handling process could not be verified.

## POSITIVE ASPECTS

- BMP training provided to contractors and wood producers.
- Contractor and employee participation in the audit.

### SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard Periodic Assessments

Major non-conformances:	0
Minor non-conformances:	2
Opportunities for Improvement:	1
Positive Aspects:	2

### SFI 2015-2019 Fiber Sourcing Standard Periodic Assessments

Major non-conformances:	0
Minor non-conformances:	1
Opportunities for Improvement:	0
Positive Aspects:	2

### Major Non-Conformances

Pervasive or critical to the achievement of the SFI objectives. All major non-conformances require an action plan to be implemented by the auditee within 90 days of an initial audit and subsequently 60 days or registration cannot be achieved/maintained.

### Minor Non-Conformances

Isolated incidents that are non-critical but must be addressed before the next surveillance audit to maintain compliance to the SFI standard.

### Opportunity for Improvement

Are not non-conformances but are comments on specific areas where improvements can be made.

### Positive Aspects

Areas that are deemed to be of best practices.

**EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY TO THE SFI 2015-2019 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD**

**Objectives Audited**

Objective 1	Forest Management Planning	X
Objective 2	Forest Health and Productivity	X
Objective 3	Protection and Maintenance of Water Resources	X
Objective 4	Conservation of Biological Diversity	X
Objective 5	Management of Visual and Recreational Benefits	X
Objective 6	Protection of Special Sites	X
Objective 7	Efficient Use of Forest Resources	X
Objective 8	Recognize and Respect Indigenous Peoples' Rights	X
Objective 9	Legal and Regulatory Compliance	X
Objective 10	Forestry Research, Science and Technology	X
Objective 11	Training and Education	X
Objective 12	Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach	X
Objective 13	Public Land Management Responsibilities	X
Objective 14	Communications and Public Reporting	X
Objective 15	Management Review and Continual Improvement	X

**Evidence Observed**

Environmental management system (EMS) Manual	X	Cutblock size calculations	X
Written policies	X	Employee observation forms (species at risk, invasive plants, other values)	X
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	X	Pre-work discussions/meeting records	
EMS and SFI field handbook	X	Monitoring records for non-timber values	
Training records (staff and contractors)	X	Utilization records	X
SFI/EMS training agenda	X	Laws, legislation, regulations records	X
Health and safety manual and/or employee policy manual	X	Annual management review records	X
Timber supply review		Internal audit records	X
Maps (pre-harvest, harvest, post-harvest, and silviculture)	X	Corrective action logs	X
Timber development standards		Education/community involvement records	X
Non-timber values impact assessments (riparian, visual, recreation, biodiversity, cultural heritage, other: )	X	Records of public inquiries and complaints	X
GIS inventories (soils, forest, land classification, non-timber values)	X	Stakeholder communications records	X
Long term management plans and sustainable harvest level calculation	X	Agreements and communications with Indigenous communities	X
Cutting/harvesting permits	X	Multi-licensee and/or government meeting minutes	
Operational plans (annual, cutblock level)	X	Logging agreements and/or contracts	X
Wet/adverse weather plans or guidelines	X	Wood producer training programs	X
Reforestation plans	X	Wood producer information package	X
Pest management plan		SFI Annual Report	X
Fire preparedness plan	X	SFI and company websites	
Spill prevention and response plan	X	SFI brochure	X
Silviculture surveys and reports	X	SFI Implementation committee (participation/support)	X
Standards for seed use		Climate change information and/or meeting minutes	X
Chemical use/spray records and applicator certification	X	Research and discussion papers	X
Tree improvement reports	X	Support for research and science	X
Green-up records	X	External audit field inspections	X
Free to grow records	X	External audit interviews (office and field)	X
Planting program records	X		
Harvest inspection records	X		
Road and bridge inspection records	X		
Pre-harvest inspection records	X		
Post-harvest inspection records	X		
Government compliance records	X		

**CERTIFICATION DECISION SFI 2015-2019 FOREST MANAGEMENT STANDARD**

**Re-registration Audit**

Based on the results of this re-registration audit it has been determined that the management system of Fornebu Lumber Company inc. is effectively implemented and meets the requirements relative to the scope of registration and audit criteria. The action plans related to the non-conformances have been reviewed and considered acceptable. As applicable, any major non-conformance has been closed and implementation of action plan for minor non-conformance will be reviewed at the next surveillance audit. Therefore, a recommendation for registration is made to SAI Global.

**EVIDENCE OF CONFORMITY TO SFI 2015-2019 FIBER SOURCING STANDARD**

**Objectives Audited**

<b>Fiber Sourcing Within the United States and Canada</b>		
Objective 1	Biodiversity in Fiber Sourcing	X
Objective 2	Adherence to Best Management Practices	X
Objective 3	Use of Qualified Resource and Qualified Logging Professionals	X
Objective 4	Legal and Regulatory Compliance	X
Objective 5	Forestry Research, Science, and Technology	X
Objective 6	Training and Education	X
Objective 7	Community Involvement and Landowner Outreach	X
Objective 8	Public Land Management Responsibilities	X
Objective 9	Communications and Public Reporting	X
Objective 10	Management Review and Continual Improvement	X

<b>Fiber Sourcing Outside the United States and Canada</b>		
Objective 11	Promote Conservation of Biological Diversity, Biodiversity Hotspots and High-Biodiversity Wilderness Areas	N/A
Objective 12	Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Illegal Logging	N/A
Objective 13	Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Fiber Sourced from Areas without Effective Social Laws	N/A

**Evidence Observed**

Environmental management system (EMS) Manual	X	SFI Annual Report	X
Written policies	X	SFI and company websites	X
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for best management practices	X	SFI brochure	X
EMS and SFI field handbook	X	SFI Implementation committee (participation/support)	X
Training records (staff and contractors)	X	External audit field inspections	X
SFI/EMS training agenda	X	External audit interviews (office and field)	X
Cutting/harvesting permits	X		
Operational plans (annual, cutblock level)	X		
Wet/adverse weather plans or guidelines	X		
Reforestation plans	X		
Best management practices monitoring records	X		
Evaluation of best management practices	X		
Government compliance records			
Pre-work discussions/meeting records			
Monitoring records for non-timber values			
Utilization records	X		
Laws, legislation, regulations records	X		
Corrective action logs	X		
Education/community involvement records	X		
Records of public inquiries and complaints	X		
Stakeholder communications records	X		
Logging agreements and/or contracts	X		
Wood producer training programs	X		
Wood producer information package	X		
Policies provided to wood producers	X		
Education and outreach to forest landowners	X		
List of qualified logging professional/certified logging professional	X		
Agreements for purchased stumpage			
Program to assess and address risk of Illegal logging	X		
Research and discussion papers	X		
Support for research and science	X		
Climate change information and/or meeting minutes	X		

Additional evidence for Objectives 11 -13 Sourcing from Outside Canada and USA			
Use of information from sources such as: Biodiversity hot spots, high biodiversity wilderness areas, rare species, habitat information	N/A	When identified, Program to address significant risk for countries without effective laws	N/A
Info about direct supplier's application of principle of sustainable forestry	N/A	When identified, Program to address significant risk of Illegal logging	N/A
Program in place to reduce risk of Illegal logging	N/A		
Program in place to assess risk for countries without effective laws	N/A		

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Bridge installed by Fornebu Lumber Company inc on the Bass River road in the Bathurst N.-B. area.

SAI Global forestry specialist group registers/certifies forest companies to ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, CSA Z809 and CSA Z804 SFM, SFI Forest Management, SFI CoC, SFI Fiber Sourcing, SFI Certified Sourcing Label, PEFC CoC, FSC® Forest Management, FSC® CoC.

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