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SFI Audit Report**

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Audit Summary
<b>Introduction</b>
<p>This report summarizes the results of the first surveillance audit conducted on Anthony Forest Product’s SFI program for fiber sourcing. Richard Boitnott, Bureau Veritas Certification Lead Auditor conducted the 4/21/2014 through 4/22/2014.</p>
<b>Audit Scope, Objectives and Process</b>
<p>The scope of the audit is “wood procurement”. The audit was conducted against the SFI 2010-2014 standard. SFIS Objectives 8 through 10, 16, 17, 19 and 20 were reviewed during the audit. There was no substitution or modification of indicators. Specifically, two objectives of the SFI audit were to verify that the Program Participant’s SFI Program is in conformance with the SFI Objectives, Performance Measures, and Indicators, and any additional indicators that the Program Participant chooses, and verify whether the Program Participant has effectively implemented its SFI Standard program requirements on the ground. Standard Bureau Veritas Certification protocols and forms were applied throughout the audit as provided by the most recent version of the Bureau Veritas Certification SFI Auditor Handbook available on the auditor access website.</p>
<b>Company Information</b>
<p>Anthony Forest Products operates a sawmill in Urbana Arkansas. The company is headquartered in El Dorado Arkansas. The company procures wood from Louisiana and Arkansas. Much of its wood supply comes from an SFI certified landbase the company previously owned. However, it also procures wood through other purchased stumpage and gatewood.</p>
<b>Multi-site requirements</b>
N/A
<b>Audit Plan</b>
<p>The audit consisted of a review of program documentation at the company headquarters the morning of 4/21, followed by field reviews of purchased stumpage and gatewood tracts during the afternoon. Field visits were also performed on 4/22, with a closing meeting held at the end of business on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. An audit plan was developed and is maintained on file by Bureau Veritas Certification.</p>

## **Audit Results**

The document review was conducted to determine if Anthony's system documentation continues to meet the requirements of the SFI 2010-2014 Standard. The field audit consisted of a review of five purchased stumpage and two gatewood tracts.

**Objective 8-Landowner Outreach:** Anthony distributes the Louisiana and Arkansas landowner brochures, and tracks the distribution of these to landowners from whom they have purchased wood. These brochures contain all the requirements of the SFI standard. The company has gathered data on potential FECVs in the area in which it procures wood. It considers these areas when looking at a tract of timber for purchase.

**Objective 9-Use of Qualified Resource and Qualified Logging Professionals:** Anthony requires all loggers operating on purchased stumpage to complete logger training. The company maintains a list of trained loggers.

**Objective 10-Adherence to Best Management Practices:** Contracts contain a requirement to comply with BMPs. A policy to ensure the company continues to meet its SFI commitment during adverse weather is in place, and has been tested this year due to wet weather the past several months. The company has a program to ensure BMP compliance on purchased stumpage tracts. However, the buffer on a non-ephemeral stream on one purchased stumpage tract did not meet Arkansas BMP guidelines. Arkansas BMPs specify a 35 foot buffer on non-ephemeral streams with slopes less than 7%. Clearcutting was conducted within 10 feet along much of the stream course. In addition, the BMP audit form indicated the site was in compliance with BMPs. A non-conformance was issued to address this deficiency in the company's BMP program on purchased stumpage.

**Objective 11- Promote Conservation of Biological Diversity, Biodiversity Hotspots, and High-Biodiversity Wilderness Areas:** Not applicable-Anthony does not source fiber outside the U.S. and Canada.

**Objective 12- Avoidance of Controversial Sources including Illegal Logging:** Not applicable-Anthony does not source fiber outside the U.S. and Canada.

**Objective 13- Avoidance of Controversial Sources including fiber sourced from areas without effective social laws:** Not applicable-Anthony does not source fiber outside the U.S. and Canada.

**Objective 14-Legal and Regulatory Compliance:** Not audited

**Objective 15-Forestry Research, Science, and Technology:** Not audited

**Objective 16-Training and Education:** Training requirements for employees and contractors is specified. All loggers delivering wood to the Anthony sawmill are required to complete state logger training, and remain current with continuing education requirements. Anthony is a member of the Louisiana and Arkansas SICs. The logger training system in Louisiana meets the requirements of PM 16.2, Indicator 1. However, evidence indicates the logger training provided in Arkansas does not meet all the requirements. As a member of the Arkansas SIC, Anthony has a shared responsibility to ensure its logger training program meets the requirements of the SFI Standard. A non-conformance was written to ensure Anthony does its part to ensure logger training delivered in Arkansas is in conformance with the standard.

**Objective 17-Community Involvement in the Practice of Sustainable Forestry:** Anthony is a member of the Louisiana and Arkansas SICs. Its membership in the SICs includes the distribution of

landowner educational materials, which includes information on the conservation of biological diversity. Its involvement in the SICs also includes support for an inconsistent practices program. Anthony is involved in a number of public educational activities, which are recorded on an outreach form.

**Objective 18-Public Land Management Responsibilities:** Not applicable-Anthony does not have management responsibilities on public land.

**Objective 19-Communications and Reporting:** A review of the SFI, Inc. website provided evidence Anthony submitted its previous renewal audit report as required for public review. The company has procedures in place to provide for all the pieces of information needed to complete the SFI annual progress report. An e-mail transmission from SFI, Inc. provided evidence the company submitted the 2013 annual progress report in a timely manner.

**Objective 20-Management Review and Continual Improvement:** Anthony has a management review process in place. Meeting minutes provided evidence the company conducts management review on an annual basis. In reality, Anthony is a small company, so management review occurs on a frequent basis.

### **Findings**

**Previous non-conformances:** One non-conformance was issued during the previous surveillance audit due to the ineffectiveness of the company's gatewood BMP monitoring program. Anthony developed a new methodology for selecting gatewood tracts to monitor. The company is also providing a copy of the audit form to the supplier, along with a summary of results. The lead auditor found the corrective actions to have been effectively implemented, therefore closing the minor non-conformance. The closed SF02 is included at the end of this report.

**Non-conformances:** There were two non-conformances issued during this surveillance audit. The SF02 nonconformity reports are shown below.

**Opportunities for Improvement:** No opportunities for improvement were issued.

**Notable Practices:** No notable practices were issued:

#### **Logo/label use:**

Anthony Forest Products uses the SFI certified sourcing logo upon approval by SFI, Inc.. No unauthorized or inappropriate use of the logo was observed. The company does not use the Bureau Veritas Certification logo.

#### **SFI reporting:**

Previous audit reports were found on the SFI, Inc. website as required for public review. This represents corrective actions for a non-conformance issued during the previous audit.

### **Conclusions**

Results of the audit indicate Anthony Forest Products continues to implement an SFI program that meets the requirements of the SFI 2010-2014 standard, with the exception of two minor non-conformances. The company is recommended for continued certification to the 2010-2014 Standard once it has developed a sufficient corrective action plan for the non-conformances. A corrective

action plan is due to melissa.marchese@us.bureauveritas.com within 30 days of the closing meeting.

### **Follow-up**

Anthony presented sufficient corrective actions to address the non-conformances. Corrective actions have already been implemented, so the non-conformances are considered closed. The company is now recommended for continued certification to the SFI 2010-2014 Standard.

**SEE SF61 FOR AUDIT NOTES**

