

## Public Notification

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To: Interested Parties  
From: SCS Global Services  
Date: 04/01/21  
Re: Notification of Planned FSC Certification Transfer Re-Evaluation of Lazaros Kaltsidis Wood Industry S.A.

***PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO SHARE THIS NOTIFICATION WITH ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED.***

**Summary: As part of an upcoming Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC®) certification re-evaluation, SCS is currently seeking stakeholder input regarding the forest management program and practices of Lazaros Kaltsidis Wood Industry S.A. Please comment via email or contact our offices (contact information below).**

In pursuit of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) endorsed forest management certification, Lazaros Kaltsidis Wood Industry S.A. (hereafter, Lazaros Kaltsidis Wood Industry) will be undergoing an audit on 14/05/2021. The audit will be conducted by SCS Global Services, a FSC-accredited certification body. The Forest Stewardship Council is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

The organization is purchasing MDF, fiberboard and veneer for further production of glued veneered panels. The secondary activity of the organization is a trader of wood and wood based products such as MDF, fiberboard, plywood and veneer that may be sold also as purchased. It is a family business started its activities in 1976 and has 16 employees including management working in one shift. The management has a very good academic background and the majority of the personnel is employed for more than 15-20 years. The organization is certified for ISO 9001:2015 by a local CB. External assistance is used from consultant specialized in FSC CoC who conducted FSC trainings. The organization makes limited use of QMS forms mainly for recording the conducted CoC training. The FSC manager is Mrs Vicky Kaltsidou (financial manager). The FSC assistant manager is Mrs Athina Markou.

Production, management, sales and deliveries of products are being carried out from proprietary facilities located at Langadas, in the outskirts of the city of Thessaloniki, in Northern Greece. Premises include separate incoming material and ready product warehouses and production area. The basic processes are purchasing of raw material, production which covers cutting, sawing, planing, cross cutting, drilling, gluing, ribbing. Ready products are directly dispatched for installation on site since the production is based on already made orders for the projects.

The company is well organized and managed and the production area is equipped with modern machinery. Material storage, segregation and identification control measures have been taken and

processing - production is being carried out per order Uob by job) for FSC certified products. The organization was well prepared and had successfully identified all critical control points.

## Scope and Certification Re-Evaluation Process

SCS Global Services (SCS), a FSC-accredited certification body based in California, will conduct this FSC Re-evaluation.

Performance will be evaluated against standards FSC-STD-40-004 V2-1 and FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1. A copy of the standard is available from <http://www.scsglobalservices.com/certification-standards-and-program-documents> or SCS upon request.

The re-evaluation process includes the following components:

- Public notification: distribution of the standard and solicitation of comments on the certification applicant; Audit planning and document review;
- Field assessment: A representative sample of field sites and operations within the defined forest area are inspected by a team of auditors;
- Stakeholder consultation is carried out prior to and during the field assessment;
- Synthesis of findings: conformity to the standard is ascertained and the certification decision is formulated;
- Reporting: a draft report describing the re-evaluation process, findings, and certification decision is produced;
- Peer review: the draft re-evaluation report is peer reviewed by (1) independent natural resource professionals;
- Finalization of the report and conveyance to the SCS Certification Committee for the final certification decision;
- Certification decision: the final report and certification decision is conveyed to the applicant; a public summary of the certification report is released if certification is awarded.

## Call for Public Participation

SCS is seeking comments on the forest management of Lazaros Kaltsidis Wood Industry or other topics pertinent to their seeking FSC certification, such as whether Lazaros Kaltsidis Wood Industry complies with the legal, social, technical, and environmental requirements of the standard or identification of high conservation value forests<sup>1</sup> within the managed forested lands. Comments can be submitted via email to [FSCConsultation@scsglobalservices.com](mailto:FSCConsultation@scsglobalservices.com), standard mail, or facsimile. **All comments and sources will be kept in strict confidence at the request of the commenter. Also, please feel welcome to**

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<sup>1</sup> Principle 9, in the FSC Principles and Criteria.

*forward this message on to other stakeholders that you think may have an interest in sharing their perspective on this assessment.*

### **Date of the Re-Evaluation**

The field re-evaluation is scheduled to start 14/05/21. When possible, SCS will make arrangements to meet with interested parties during the re-evaluation if appropriate, but it is preferred that comments are submitted before the re-evaluation commences.

### **Dispute Resolution Procedure**

As provided by the FSC Interim Dispute Resolution Protocol and the SCS Forest Conservation Program Quality Manual, dispute resolution procedures are in place and available to interested parties at <http://www.scsglobalservices.com/your-feedback>.

### **Additional Information**

More information about FSC and SCS can be obtained from [www.fsc.org](http://www.fsc.org) and [www.SCSglobalServices.com](http://www.SCSglobalServices.com). Information about Lazaros Kaltsidis Wood Industry can be found at [www.kaltsidis-wood.gr](http://www.kaltsidis-wood.gr).

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