

Public Notification Letter

FSC® Chain of Custody Controlled Wood Stakeholder Consultation

To: Interested Parties

From: SCS Global Services

Consultation period: 9/11/2025 – 10/23/2025

Re: Notification of intent to audit **Kalesnikoff Lumber Company Ltd** against FSC Chain of Custody Controlled Wood standard FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1

The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC) requires that a certification body conducting an audit of a certified organization or applicant must consult stakeholders whenever the audit includes intent to source and use uncertified material in an FSC Chain of Custody (CoC) program according to the requirements in FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 “Requirements for Sourcing FSC Controlled Wood”. Therefore, SCS Global Services (SCS) is seeking input from interested and directly affected stakeholders regarding the relevance, effectiveness, and/or adequacy of **Kalesnikoff Lumber Company Ltd** Due Diligence System (DDS).

An explanation of ‘FSC Controlled Wood’, as well as a copy of FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, is available here: <https://ic.fsc.org/en/certification/types-of-certification/controlled-wood-02> ; a copy of this standard is also available from SCS upon request.

Due Diligence Systems are required for certified organizations in order to avoid the sourcing and use of material originating from unacceptable sources in their FSC CoC program.

Directly affected stakeholders include any person, group of persons, or entity that is, with high probability, subject to the effects of the activities related to an organization’s controlled wood sourcing program, including the activities of their suppliers and sub-suppliers, as well as those who influence risk identified through the organization’s Due Diligence System.

This letter serves as SCS’ invitation to directly affected stakeholders to participate in our consultation process. This letter also serves as SCS’ public notification for any interested stakeholders, who are also invited to participate in the consultation process. Participation in this stakeholder consultation process is voluntary; stakeholders are not required to submit comments.

Scope of audit and audit details:

The audit will assess the conformity of the organization’s controlled wood program – including Risk Assessment(s) and DDS – according to the certification requirements as per FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1.

The company’s DDS Public Summary and Risk Assessment (excluding confidential information), as well as any other information or documents deemed relevant for the purpose of this stakeholder consultation, are included as appendices to this letter—see below. For a list of the information that is required to be publically available for stakeholder consultation by SCS, see FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, Section 6.

Additional certificate holder information:

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrljoiN2U3NGMyNWEtZTAxNS00MzVhLWExNmMtOThhZjdiYjQ4MWwNkliwidCI6IjEyNGU2OWRiLWVmNjUtNDk2Yi05NmE5LTVkNTZiZWxZDI5MSIsImMiOiI9>

Options for participation and provision of comments:

Please submit written comments and evidence (where appropriate) by mail, FAX or email to SCS:

SCS Global Services
Att'n: Chain of Custody Certification Services
2000 Powell Street, Suite 600
Emeryville, CA 94608

Fax: 510-452-6882

Email: CWStakeholder@SCSGlobalServices.com

A summary of the stakeholder consultation and comments received will be made publically available on the FSC certificate database, as per FSC-STD-20-011 V4-2. Verbatim comments will only be published with prior consent from the stakeholder and will not be associated with stakeholder names.

Note that, while SCS is required to evaluate all information and comments objectively, SCS certification decisions are affected by stakeholder comments only insofar as the comments provide evidence of conformity or nonconformity to the applicable requirements.

Within 30 days of making our certification decision, SCS will respond to all stakeholders who provided comments to explain how their comments were taken into account.

More information about FSC and SCS can be found on our respective websites: www.fsc.org and www.scsglobalservices.com.

Publicly Available Information for Organizations Certified to the FSC Controlled Wood Standard (FSC-STD-40-005)¹

Organization Name	
FSC COC Certificate Number	Kalesnikoff Lumber Company Ltd. SCS-COC-005798

1. Procedure for Filing Complaints

Name of Authorized Representative / Position Responsible	Tom Luk
Contact Detail (Contact information for person or position responsible for addressing complaints)	tom.luk@kalesnikoff.com
Procedure for filing complaints	<p>Note: The complaint procedure shall indicate the <u>timelines</u> and <u>processing steps</u> when a complaint is received. For further details on complaints procedure, see section 7 in FSC-STD-40-005</p> <p>We encourage stakeholders who have suggestions for improvements, comments, or complaints related to our; FSC certified, PEFC certified or other controlled wood material due diligence system to contact Tom Luk, Box 3000, 3090 Hwy 3A, Castlegar BC, V1N 4N1, tom.luk@kalesnikoff.com 250-399-4211 by mail, email, or phone. We commit to follow up on stakeholder input as soon as we receive it and to provide stakeholders with feedback within 2 weeks. If Kalesnikoff Lumber or Kalesnikoff Mass Timber is ever approached by the public concerning our wood procurement policies and purchasing activities of controlled material, the company will do an assessment of the evidence provided in the complaint within two weeks of receiving it. Then if there is any relevant evidence, it will initiate field verification within two months. If it is found that a supplier is supplying wood that is not in compliance with the FSC Controlled Wood requirements, the wood supply will be excluded from the FSC credits, the supplier will be removed from the FSC supplier list. The only way that the supplier will</p>

¹ This document is meant as guidance only, utilization of templates and guidance documents is no guarantee of conformity with FSC requirements. It is your organization's responsibility to conform to relevant FSC requirements.

	be added back to the list if is they can prove that they can comply with the FSC Controlled Material requirements, the FSC Regional Office or SCS Global will be informed immediately and if there are frequent non-compliances with FSC Controlled Material requirements in areas considered low risk, Kalesnikoff Lumber or Kalesnikoff Mass Timber will review their risk assessment. The records of all complaints received, and the action taken will be recorded and kept for a period of 5 years.
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2. Summary of Organization's Due Diligence System

Information regarding an organization's due diligence system must be made publically available. This publically available information may be provided within this summary document, or as separate documentation. Please selection an option below.

☐ **DDS Summary is provided in a separate Annex. Provide name of document or summary location:**

(e.g. <http://www.xxcompany.com/dds> or Annex XXX., written summary of DDS XXX)

☒ **DDS summary is provided in this document. Complete sections 3 through 8.**

3. Description of the Supply Area(s) and Respective Risk Designation(s)

Description of Supply Area	CW Category	Risk Designation	Type of Risk Assessment	Reference of Risk Assessment
British Columbia Interior, Canada	Category 1	Low Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSC risk assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Extended Company Risk Assessment ²	FSC-NRA-CA v2-1 EN 2020-07-31
	Category 2	Specified Risk		
	Category 3	Specified Risk		
	Category 4	Low Risk		
	Category 5	Low Risk		

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² If an organization is using an Extended Company Risk Assessment, the ECRA must also be submitted with this public summary.

Alberta, Canada	Category 1	Low Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FSC risk assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Extended Company Risk Assessment	FSC-NRA-CA v2-1 EN 2020-07-31
	Category 2	Specified Risk		
	Category 3	Specified Risk		
	Category 4	Low Risk		
	Category 5	Low Risk		

NOTE:

- The description of the supply area should allow the identification of the area with a homogeneous risk designation in the applicable risk assessment for each controlled wood category.
- The risk designation provided in the table is the designation provided by the risk assessment PRIOR to the application of control measures.

Please copy and paste tables to insert more source area(s) as needed.

4. Description of the Supply Chain Risk Assessment and Respective Risk Designation(s)

Supply chain sourcing area / Supply chain actor	Description of Risk Assessment (risk of mixing material with non-eligible inputs in the supply chain/s during transport, processing, and storage)	Risk Level (Low/Specified)
Log Purchases	<p>log ownership, marking and transportation in British Columbia and Alberta is strictly regulated and enforced by the Ministry of Forests and Range. The timbermark on log purchases will be used as authentication of the timber source. The timbermark will specify either the private parcel or the forest tenure from which the logs originate. Purchase agreements will only be made for logs with a timbermark originating in the Interior BC area and/or Alberta. The area of origin for any timbermark can be verified on the BC Harvest Billing System website http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/hbs/opq/timberMarkQuery.do</p> <p>The Inventory Supervisor or designate will, at least annually, verify a random sampling of at least 20 timbermarks for log purchases on the BC Harvest Billing System using the following procedure:</p> <p>Step 1 – print a summary of all log purchases for the period to be verified</p> <p>Step 2 – select a random sampling of at least 20 timbermarks</p> <p>Step 3 – confirm the origin of the logs on the BC Harvest Billing website</p>	Low Risk

	Step 4 – document the results by saving a screenshot of each query	
Lumber Purchases	lumber which is not certified as FSC or FSC Controlled Wood will be certified as either PEFC or SFI and only be purchased from primary producers in the districts of origin for which risk assessments have been done. The log supplies for these producers is regulated by way of timber marking and log transport laws and regulations, and therefore authenticated as originating in the districts of origin. The Inventory Supervisor or designate will, at least annually, request from suppliers of lumber a statement of confirmation that the log supplies appurtenant to the facility producing the lumber purchased by KLC/KMT originate in the area of origin covered by a risk assessment. In addition, suppliers will be required to provide documentation of the manufacturing facility from which any order purchased by KLC or KIW or KMT has originated	Low Risk
		Choose an item.

5. Control Measures Implemented by the Organization

☐ **Not Applicable - All risk designations from the supply area risk assessments and supply chain risk assessments are low risk. *Skip to section 6.***

Sourcing Area/Supply chain area	Indicator with specified risk	Description of Control measure
British Columbia Interior and Alberta	2.3	Demonstrated best efforts to engage with Indigenous People with legal and customary right within the Forest Management Unit to understand if/how these rights are violated as a result of forest management activities. As standard practice, Kaleskinoff proactively seeks comment, concern, or questions from first nations communities before beginning harvesting activities. In the case of concerns expressed in relation to our plans, we aim to reconcile our activities with First Nations wishes wherever possible.

Sourcing Area	Indicator with specified risk	Description of Control measure
British Columbia Interior and Alberta	3.1	Harvesting activities are consistent w/ federally-approved action plans. Strategies in place to identify critical habitat (High Conservation Values) and how that habitat would be managed to ensure the maintenance of vulnerable and/or irreplaceable SAR/elements of biodiversity. In regards to Caribou, we avoid their identified habitat and do not carry out any activities in these areas. Our fibre procurement team is annually trained in identifying SAR, as detailed in our FSP section 6.1.2.2.1 annual training. This gives our purchase team the education and training to be able to identify SAR and their habitat if encountered. It is reinforced with the requirement to report anything they may find, so that experts such as a biologist can be hired to prescribe best management practices to reduce threats to critical habitat if found.

Sourcing Area	Indicator with specified risk	Description of Control measure
British Columbia Interior and Alberta	3.2	Regionally appropriate BMP utilized in accordance with NRA Standard 3.2 HVC2.6. This document - internally referenced as Intact Forest Landscape SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) – has been implemented in the sourcing areas deemed Specified Risk. Check requirements are a part of Woodland team’s contracts regarding wood license and purchase contracts, to verify the Woodlands team has checked for potential IFL overlap. Kalesnikoff will identify potential overlap with IFL’s and Timber Harvest Area’s, by referring to Intact Forest Landscape spatial data and checking that against harvest area of potential incoming timber marks. If overlap is found, the company will comply with the Intact Forest Landscape SOP.

Note: Please copy and paste additional tables as needed.

6. Stakeholder Consultation Summary

☒ **Not Applicable - The organization did not engage in a formal stakeholder consultation process. *Skip to section 7.***

The areas for which the stakeholder consultation	(e.g. geo-reference data, state, province, supply unit)
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has been conducted (e.g. geo-reference data, state, province, supply unit)	
Stakeholder engagement date(s):	
Means of Contact, please check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Face to face meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Personal contacts by phone <input type="checkbox"/> Email, or letter <input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in the national and/or local press	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice published on relevant websites <input type="checkbox"/> Local radio announcements <input type="checkbox"/> Local customary notice boards <input type="checkbox"/> Social media broadcast
List of the stakeholder groups invited by the organization to participate in the consultation, please check all that apply	
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic interests <input type="checkbox"/> Social interests <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental interests <input type="checkbox"/> FSC-accredited certification bodies active in the country <input type="checkbox"/> National and state forest agencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Experts with expertise in controlled wood categories <input type="checkbox"/> Research institutions and universities <input type="checkbox"/> FSC regional offices, FSC network partners, registered standard development groups and NRA working groups in the region
Summary of the stakeholder comments received and considerations	
Stakeholder comment	
Consideration	
Stakeholder comment	
Consideration	
The organization's justification for concluding that the material sourced from these areas can be used as controlled material or sold with the FSC Controlled Wood claim	
<p>Note: Comments shall only be published with prior consent from the consulted stakeholder and not associated with stakeholder's personal identifiable information.</p>	

7. Expert Engagement Summary

☐ **Not Applicable - The organization did not engage experts in the development of control measures. *Skip to section 8.***

Expert A	
Qualification	Consultants specializing in biology, ecology, and other sciences or related fields well-positioned to provide expert opinion on conservation values.
Scope of Service	Hired to prescribe best management practices to reduce threats to critical habitat in situations where high conservation values may be threatened, such as nests of the Northern Goshawkif.

Expert B	
Qualification	
Scope of Service	

NOTE: For individual experts this includes the experts' qualifications and the scope of their services. The personal identifiable information such as names of experts, their license/registration numbers (if applicable) shall only be included with given consent from experts. For publicly available expertise, the specific sources of information shall be cited.

Note: Please copy and paste additional tables as needed.

8. Field Verification Summary

☒ **Not Applicable - The organization did not conduct field verification as a control measure.**

Findings from field verification	
Steps taken by the organization to address identified non-conformities	

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The confidential nature of the information may be determined by the legislation that the organization must comply with. Commercially sensitive information, and the names of individual landholders, shall be treated as confidential information.

☐ **Not Applicable - The organization has not excluded confidential information.**

The organization's justification for the exclusion of confidential information.