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Purpose

This procedure supports the communication between LJR Forest Products and interested Stakeholders regarding implementation of the Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP) requirements related to the Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) and Risk Assessment (RA).

Applicable Standards

- SBP Standard # 2, Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock, Section 13, Stakeholder Consultation.
- SBP Standard # 2, Instruction Note 2B, Supply Base Evaluation Stakeholder Consultation - Requirements for Biomass Producers.

Procedure

The Plant Manager forwards formal correspondence (Appendix A) to the list of potentially interested and affected stakeholders at least 30 days prior to the completion of the Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) and Risk Assessment (RA). Stakeholders are provided with a website reference to the SBP Standards, a brief description of the sustainability and legality requirements and the supply base area included within the SBE.

The Plant Manager has developed and maintains a list (Appendix B) of potentially interested and affected stakeholders by State that may have expertise or experience with the SBP Standard and associated requirements related to forest sustainability and legality.

The list of stakeholders is based upon selection criteria including:

- a) geographic proximity to the supply base,
- b) expertise and knowledge of forestry and natural resources management,
- c) a cross-section of industry, university and state agencies,
- d) elected and appointed officials from the supply base area, and
- e) interested and affected conservation, environmental and social organizations within the supply base area.

The Stakeholder List shall be provided to the accredited Certification Body for review and approval. Once approved, the Stakeholder Correspondence shall be forwarded to the approved list.

Stakeholder input is considered as part of the Supply Base Evaluation (LJR-SBP-DP-07) and recorded in the Summary of Stakeholder Input (LJR-SBP-DP-05). Relevant comments and

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suggestions will be considered and incorporated, as appropriate. A Supply Base Report that summarizes the Supply Base Evaluation and input/responses to Stakeholders has been produced (LJR-SBP-DP-12) and will be provided to SBP for publication on its website.

Appendices

See the appendices below for a list of approved Stakeholders and sample correspondence.

Appendix A: Stakeholder Correspondence

Appendix B: List of Interested Stakeholders by State

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Appendix A

Stakeholder Correspondence

(Company Letterhead)

Dear Interested SBP Stakeholder:

LJR Forest Products of Swainsboro, Georgia cordially invites your comments on our plans to maintain independent certification to the Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP) Standards. The SBP Standards were developed by European Electric Utilities to ensure that wood pellet inputs to their facilities are sourced from both legal and sustainable suppliers.

LJR Forest Products is in the process of updating its Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) and Risk Assessment (RA) to ensure that our sources of secondary fiber from other primary sawmills are meeting the standards and requirements of the SBP. Your feedback is essential to our Supply Base Evaluation and to our efforts to show that our sources of supply are considered Low Risk for legality and sustainability.

The Supply Base for our pellet mill in Swainsboro, Georgia is exclusively from residuals from other primary sawmills in the States of Georgia and South Carolina. As a secondary producer that indirectly procures residual wood fiber, we do not have direct responsibility or control over forest management and harvesting activities that occur by private and public land managers. We source all of our supply as waste material from other primary wood products manufacturing facilities across our two-state procurement area. We are, however, interested in hearing about your concerns and considering ways that our residual fiber procurement can achieve all applicable laws and regulations and SBP sustainable forestry related requirements

The Sustainable Biomass Partnership (SBP) (Standard # 1) provides a auditable process to ensure customers and the general public that our biomass feedstocks are legally and sustainably sourced and produced. As part of our Supply Base Evaluation and Risk Assessment, we are required to show "Low Risk" of non-conformance to the SBP Biomass Feedstock Standard. For more information about the SBP Standards and processes, please refer to the official SBP website at: <http://www.sustainablebiomasspartnership.org/>

The LJR Forest Products pellet mill is independently certified to the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood Standards, as well as the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC™) Chain of Custody and Due Diligence System Standards. In that context, please be aware that LJR Forest Products does not own forest land, does not contract with loggers to harvest and deliver roundwood and is three or more contractual relationships in the supply chain removed from the forests of origin. Our residual suppliers source wood from the States of Georgia and southern South Carolina where the land is

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predominately owned by private family forest owners and is intermingled with other agricultural and forested lands across a largely rural landscape.

If you we can provide additional information, or if you would like to submit formal written comments as part of our Stakeholder Consultation process, please feel free to contact me within the next thirty (30) days by email or letter to the address indicated below. We have a publicly available Sustainable Biomass Policy and Product Group List that is available upon request.

Thank you very much for your assistance in providing comments on our Sustainable Biomass Partnership certification process. We are eager to work with any and all stakeholders that share our objective of using of renewable wood fuels to offset emissions from fossil fuels and reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions.

Warm Regards,

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**Appendix B
List of Interested Stakeholders
Georgia**

Stakeholder	Stakeholder Websites/Information	Contact	2021 Response (Yes/No)
Georgia Forestry Commission	http://www.gfc.state.ga.us/	Wendy Burnett Public Relations Director Office (478) 751-3535 Cell (478) 365-6233 wburnett@gfc.state.ga.us	
Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division	http://epd.georgia.gov/	Richard E. Dunn, Director askepd@gaepd.org	
University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources	http://www.warnell.uga.edu/	Dale Greene, Dean Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, The University of Georgia wgreene@uga.edu 706-542-4741	
Georgia Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee	http://sfi-georgia.org/	Chase Cook, SFI Program Manager cookfc@uga.edu 706-542-7691	

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Georgia Nature Conservancy	https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/georgia/	Deron Davis State Director Deron_davis@tnc.org 404-253-7214	
Georgia Water Coalition	https://www.gawater.org/	Chris Manganiello Georgia River Network 126 South Milledge Avenue, Suite E3 Athens, GA 30605 706-549-4508 chris@garivers.org	
Georgia Wildlife Federation	http://www.gwf.org/	Gina Rogers Director of Operations info@gwf.org 770-787-7887	
Georgia Natural Heritage Program	http://www.georgiawildlife.com/node/1358	David Crass Division Director David.crass@dnr.ga.gov 706-389-7846	
Georgia Forestry Association	http://gfagrow.org/	Michele Dunham Michele@gfagrow.org 478-992-8110	
Environment Georgia	http://www.environmentgeorgia.org/home	Jennette Gayer, State Director (404) 370-1764 http://www.environmentgeorgia.org/email/node/1342/field_bio_email	

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Georgia Conservancy	http://www.georgiaconservancy.org/	Katherine Moore, VP, Programs kmoore@gaconservancy.org 404-876-2900 ext 106	
FRAM Renewable Fuels L.L.C.	http://framfuels.com/	Elizabeth van Tilborg Sustainability/Certification Manager PO Box 1810 Hazlehurst, GA 31539 912-617-2031 (cell) vantilborg@framfuels.com	
Interfor US South, LLC	Ken Wilt	Interfor US South 229-322-1233 Ken.wilt@interfor.com	
Pollard Lumber Company	Burt Pollard	Bert Pollard Pollard Lumber Co. 5863 Washington Rd, Appling, GA 30802 (706) 541-1343	
The Timbermen, Inc.	plunceford@camak.net (706) 836-4755	Patrick Lunceford The Timbermen, Inc. P.O. Box 107 Camak, Georgia (706) 465-3506	
Burt Lumber Company	davidhardy@burtlumbercompany.com	David Hardy	

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		P.O. Box 220 911 Greensboro Road Washington, Georgia 30673 706-678-1531	
Pullium Lumber Company		Pullium Lumber Co.2013 Jefferson St, Mitchell, GA (706) 598-2075	
COX Industries		Vidalia, GA	

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South Carolina**

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Catawba Indian nation	https://www.catawbaindian.net/	Willam Harris, Chief Catawba Indian Nation 996 Avenue of the Nations Rock Hill, SC 29730 (803) 366-4792 info@catawbaindian.net	
South Carolina Forestry Commission	http://www.state.sc.us/forest/	Scott Phillips, State Forester 5500 Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC 29212 (803) 896-8800 scfc@scfc.gov	
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Land, Water and Conservation Division	http://www.dnr.sc.gov/	Ken Rentiers Deputy Director 1000 Assembly St. Columbia, SC 29201-3117 RentiersK@dnr.sc.gov (803) 734-9035	
Clemson University	http://www.clemson.edu/	Andrea Kesler	

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		Admin. Assistant to Dr. Greg Yarrow, Chairman akesler@clermson.edu (864) 656-3302	
South Carolina Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee	http://www.scforestry.org/sfi	Guy Sabin gsabin@scforestry.org (803)798-4170	
South Carolina Nature Conservancy	http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/southcarolina/index.htm?intc=nature.tnav.where.list&nst=0&creative=6074332638&device=c&matchtype=e	Mark Robertson, Executive Director mrobertson@tnc.org	
South Carolina Conservation Coalition	http://www.conservationcoalitionsc.org/		
South Carolina Wildlife Federation	http://www.scwf.org/	Sara Green, Executive Director 215 Pickens St. Columbia, SC 29205 803-256-0670 mail@scwf.org	
South Carolina Heritage Trust Program	http://heritagetrust.dnr.sc.gov/index.html	Keith Bradley 1000 Assembly St. Columbia, SC 29201-3117 BradleyK@dnr.sc.gov	
South Carolina Forestry Association	http://www.scforestry.org/	Cam Crawford, President 4901 Broad River Rd. Columbia, SC 29212 ccrawford@scforestry.org (803) 798-4170	

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