# **CanopyStyle Audit Report**

## **Kelheim Fibres GmbH**

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#### 1. Introduction

### 2. General Information

#### 2.1 Organizational overview

Kelheim Fibres GmbH, headquartered in Kelheim, Germany, is a producer of viscose speciality fibres, that was established in 1935 as Süddeutsche Spinnfaser AG, which after several acquisition and changes occurred previously, it was taken over by EQUI-Fibres GmbH and renamed as Kelheim Fibres GmbH in 2004. Its fibres under GALAXY®, DANUFIL®, VISETA® and VILOFT® trademark, are used to produce textiles, hygiene and medical products to speciality papers as well as technical and household products.

Kelheim Fibres GmbH holds FSC Chain of Custody and PEFC certification and sources all inputs as FSC Controlled Wood, FSC Mix and PEFC Certified. Referred from its Wood Pulp Sourcing Policy, Kelheim Fibres GmbH's main raw material for the production of viscose fibres is wood pulp. Kelheim Fibres GmbH's wood sourcing is from one sole supplier, that its dissolving pulp comes from three dissolving pulp mills suppliers. The regions the wood is potentially sourced from are Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Poland (excluding Bialowieza, Hajnowska and Browsk Forest Districts), South Africa, France, Hungary, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany.

#### 2.2 Organization sourcing policy

The organization's publicly available sourcing policy(ies) can be found on the following website(s):		
https://kelheim-fibres.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Wood_Pulp_Sourcing_Policy.pdf		
https://kelheim-fibres.com/en/sustainability/wood-fibres/		

## 3. Organization Scope

#### 3.1 Name and Contact Information

Organization name	Kelheim Fibres GmbH		
Contact person	Michael Svoboda		
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	93309 Kelheim	Fax	+49 9441 99-1326
	Germany	e-mail	Michael.Svoboda@kelheim-
			fibres.com
		Website	www.kelheim-fibres.com

#### 3.2 Certificate Scope

ltem	Certificate scope (check all that apply)	
Number of sites	⊠ Single	☐ Multi-site
Input material source	□ Listed in supplier COC form and	☐ Other suppliers
	on organization's website.	
Majority fiber input	Dissolving pulp	
Map of Ancient and	☐ Yes	⊠ No
Endangered Forests		Comments: Kelheim Fibres GmbH supplier
Overlay Completed		has been audited to the CanopyStyle
		Initiative.
Mill capacity (KMT/yr.)	90,000 Ton/year	

Primary activity	Manufacturing of viscose fibres	☐ N/A, no primary activity
Outsourcing	☐ FSC-certified outsourcers	☐ Non-certified outsourcers
	$\square$ Outsourcing of entire production $\mathfrak p$	process
	☐ High-risk outsourcing site(s) included	
	⋈ No outsourcing	
Workforce data	Permanent male: 457	Permanent female: 70
	Contract male: 10	Contract female: 0
	TOTAL: 537	

Site(s)	Location	Function	Year(s) evaluated
Kelheim Fibres	Regensburger Str. 109	☐ Corporate	2021-2022
GmbH	93309 Kelheim	☑ MMCF producer	
	Germany	☐ Sales/distribution	
		☐ Other (describe):)	

## 3. Evaluation Process

#### 3.1 Evaluation Team

Audit team leader name	Dr. Stefan Teusan
Qualifications	Freelance auditor for various traceability schemes on behalf of SCS Global Services
	since 2004; professional forester (MSc Forestry), European Diploma in
	Environmental Sciences (Saarbrücken, Metz, Arlon); regional experience in central
	and eastern Europe, West-Africa and Central/SE-Asia.

#### 3.2 Audit Overview

Site(s)	Date	Audit time
Kelheim Fibres GmbH	13-14 July 2022	16 h

## 3.3 Description of Overall Audit Process

## 4. Evaluation Result

#### **4.1 Evaluation Conclusions**

The organization only sources from one sole supplier that sources from two dissolving pulp mills, which are classified as low risk supply chain in Classification of Dissolving Pulp mills (Feb 2020).

Table 1. Supplier information and risk summary

Risk Result from CanopyStyle Dissolving Pulp Mill Classification Tool (August 2020) <sup>1</sup>		
Supplier	Company Risk Assessment	Canopy Dissolving Pulp Classification
Lenzing AG, Austria	Low Risk	No sourcing issues identified based on current
information and/or CanopyStyle audit.		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> More information, including sources of information, contained in the Classification Tool and is available upon request from CanopyStyle.

# 4.2 Summary of Findings

Rating	Color
Not Applicable	
Commitment Met	
Commitment in Progress	
Commitment Not Met	
Insufficient Information Available	

Key Commitments	Performance Indicators	Corporate	Mills/Production Sites
1. The MMCF producer has publicly communicated and is implementing the Fiber Sourcing/Forest Policy	1.1 Senior executive and key managers make a publicly available commitment to full implementation of the forest sourcing policy **		Commitment Met
	1.2 The MMCF producer has developed standard operating procedures (SOP) required to implement the Policy. These are available upon request to stakeholders. **		Commitment Met
	1.3 The MMCF producer has assigned personnel with responsibility for Policy implementation. **		Commitment Met
	1.4 The MMCF producer has developed capacity and company structure to implement the Policy.		Commitment Met
	1.5 The MMCF producer has communicated its commitment to implement its Policy to all its suppliers. **		Commitment Met
	1.6 The MMCF producer has included requirements to implement the Policy in		Commitment in Progress

	agreements/contracts with current and future suppliers. **	
	1.7 The MMCF producer has developed, and is implementing a system to monitor supplier conformance with the Policy. **	Commitment Met
	1.8 The MMCF producer has put in place a grievance procedure.	Commitment Met
	1.9 The MMCF producer has developed, and is implementing, an action plan that address any identified non-conformance and grievance received. **	Commitment Met
	1.10 Key managers at each production site are aware of the Policy and demonstrate a similar commitment to implement it. **	Commitment Met
	1.11 Each production site managers have developed procedures to implement the Policy, when relevant. **	Commitment Met
2. The MMCF producer only sources raw material from suppliers that are transparent, traceable and are in conformance with the policy	2.1 The MMCF producer identifies all raw material inputs by volume (ie, wood pulp/chips, cotton linters, agricultural residues, recycled cotton pulp) for the previous year. It also includes information about what volumes have FSC claims (ie, FSC Mix, FSC 100%, FSC controlled wood). Where traceability is known, specify the FSC certified FMU	Commitment Met
	2.2 An assessment of the MMCF producer supply chain has been completed globally. The producer used the Forest Mapper, advice note on Ancient and Endangered Forests and the Dissolving Pulp Classification tool, to make their supply assessment. **	Commitment Met
	2.3 The assessment identifies all suppliers in the chain that supply the MMCF mills, beginning at the forest or plantation of origin.	Commitment Met
	2.4 This assessment is updated every year and shared with Canopy, with permission to share with the Leaders Group.	Commitment Met
	2.5 The producer developed additional criteria to complete their risk assessment, to include legality, violation of human rights and risks related to the conversion of natural forests to plantations (1994 date), use of Genetically Modified Organism.	Commitment Met

	2.6 The MMCF producer publishes its suppliers publicly, or, in the absence of such transparency, is providing its customers with a robust track and trace system that can be used throughout the supply chain up to clothing and textile retailers.	Commitment Met
3. No conversion of natural forest to plantations	3.1 The initial date of the plantation development has been documented and sourcing only occurs in areas identified pre 1994, or post 1994 with a supporting valid FSC certificate. **	Commitment in Progress
4. Since the signature of the Policy, all sourcing from ancient and endangered forests and other controversial sources have been eliminated	4.1 The MMCF producer has adopted clear definitions for the terms included in their Policy, such as "ancient & endangered forests", "intact forest", "natural forest", "endangered species", "controversial sources", "high conservation value", "high carbon area", "peatlands", etc. that are consistent with this document and the forest sourcing policy template. **	Commitment Met
	4.2 All areas meeting the definition of "ancient and endangered forests" have been identified and mapped and suppliers and fibre that have a high risk of being considered controversial sources have been identified and shared with Canopy, with permission to share Leaders Group. **	Commitment Met
	4.3 Any raw materials in the MMCF producer's supply chain originating from ancient and endangered forests or other controversial sources, and acquired before the Policy was adopted by the company, such as stocks in log yards, will be documented, identified accordingly and utilised by the mills. **	Not Applicable
	4.4 The MMCF producer is aware of all relevant local, national and international laws and there is no evidence of non-compliance, with local, national or international laws. **	Commitment Met
	4.5 The commitment not to source from ancient and endangered forests and other controversial sources is verified. **	Commitment Met
5. If suppliers contravene these criteria, the MMCF producer will first engage them to change practices	5.1 All MMCF producers' suppliers are identified and the forest of origin is known. **	Commitment Met

and then re- evaluate its relationship with them		
	5.2 The MMCF producer has developed procedures for engaging with suppliers, up to withdrawing from purchase and other agreements in situations where nonconformance is found. **  (Note: This means potential legal and contractual issues associated with withdrawal are identified and addressed.)	Commitment Met
	5.3 The MMCF producer has documented withdrawals from supply agreements where non-conformance has been found. **	Not Applicable
6. The MMCF producer welcomes interested stakeholders and Leaders Group observers to verify the implementation.	6.1 When requested, Canopy, Leaders Group and other stakeholder observers are invited to participate freely and to report observations during this verification process. **	Commitment Met
	6.2 The MMCF producer requires of its supplier to complete large scale scientifically based conservation planning, High Conservation Value assessments, and/or High Carbon Value assessment, identifying areas for protection, has been completed, based on best available science, by a credible third party, and made public. **	Not Applicable
	6.3 If sourcing from controversial areas, with records of conflict and human rights violation, an assessment that includes participatory mapping of lands owned or claimed by indigenous and local communities, identification of areas for protection, areas for conflict resolution and remedy of past harms that involve affected parties, their chosen advisors and relevant stakeholders, have been completed by a credible and mutually agreed third party and made public. **	Not Applicable
	6.4 The MMCF producer requires of its supplier to have developed a management plan that identifies measures to protect areas identified in large scale scientifically based conservation planning, HCV and HCS assessments with the	Not Applicable

	Free, Prior and Informed Consent of indigenous and local communities whose land or land claims are impacted and with input from credible ENGOs. **	
	6.5 The MMCF producer has developed and implemented a time-bound action plan to actively seek the legal protection of these areas with final land-use decision-makers in a way that meets principles of Free Prior and Informed Consent. **	Not Applicable
7. The MMCF producer shall recognize, respect and uphold human rights and the rights of communities and workers affected by the operations of their supply chain and affiliated companies	7.1 The MMCF producer has developed and requires its suppliers to adopt a similar policy, systems and procedures to implement Free, Prior and Informed Consent of indigenous people and local communities affected by forest operations. **	Commitment Met
	7.2 Suppliers document how they conform with the MMCF producer's commitment to recognize and respect human rights, community rights, First Nations rights and rights of workers. **	Commitment Met
	7.3 The MMCF producer and its suppliers show responsible handling of complaints and resolution of conflicts in a transparent and accountable manner that is mutually agreed by the parties and includes relevant stakeholders.	Commitment Met
	7.4 The MMCF producer and its suppliers have developed internal capacity and organizational structure to recognize and respect the rights of its workers	Commitment Met
	7.5 The MMCF producer has developed procedures to ensure its forest/wood suppliers uphold the International Labour Organization (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work	Commitment Met
	7.6 Recognition and respect for human rights is demonstrated by the MMCF producer's forest/wood suppliers. There is no evidence of continuing to source from a forest/wood supplier that has failed to acknowledge or	Commitment Met

	resolved social conflicts and remedy past or current human rights violations. **	
8. Development of Innovative and Alternative Fiber	8.1 The MMCF producer has developed and implemented an internal action plan to collaborate with innovative companies and suppliers to explore and encourage the development of new alternative fiber sources that reduce environmental and social impacts, such as agricultural residues and recycled fibers. **	Commitment Met
	8.2 The research and development phase for the production of pulp and cellulosic fiber made from alternative fiber sources has been successfully completed and the MMCF producer is entering a commercial scale phase.	Commitment in Progress
9. Voluntary advocacy for conservation solutions	9.1 The MMCF producer has a track record of participating in events that support collaborative and visionary system solutions that aim protect remaining ancient and endangered forests. **	Commitment Met
	9.2 When prompted, the MMCF producer uses its brand influence or purchasing influence to positively impact conservation and development solutions that have the Free, Prior and Informed Consent of affected indigenous and local communities. **	Commitment Met
	9.3 The MMCF producer publicly supports science-based international and national target(s) and programs for preserving designated protected and conservation areas that have the Free, Prior and Informed Consent of affected indigenous and local communities.	Commitment Met
	9.4 The MMCF producer is developing and implementing specific programs to increase the endangered species population and the maintenance of their habitat through time, with government and/or ENGO programs. **	Commitment in Progress
10. Responsible forest management	10.1 The MMCF producer has defined criteria for responsible forest management, gives a preference for FSC certification and has developed and implemented an action plan to increase FSC intake. **	Commitment Met
11. Reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Footprint by recognizing the	11.1 The MMCF producer has procedures to evaluate their suppliers' performance in reducing GHG.	Commitment in Progress

importance of forests and peatlands as carbon storehouses		
	11.2 MMCF producer has procedures to know whether their suppliers are sourcing from tropical peatlands and/or intact forest landscapes.	Commitment in Progress
	11.3 The MMCF producer can document giving preference to suppliers that are not operating in intact forest landscapes or on drained tropical peatlands and that have identified, withdrawn from and are restoring peatlands and their hydrology. **	Commitment in Progress
12. Pollution Prevention	12.1 * This verification process will not address the pulp and viscose manufacturing process which can lead to air and water emissions that impact overall environmental quality.  Canopy expects MMCF producers to invest in and use the cleanest dissolving pulp and viscose manufacturing technology	Not Applicable
	(i.e. lyocell process), and to implement the ZDHC new viscose guidelines available at https://www.roadmaptozero.com/post/zdhc-man-made-cellulosic-guidelines-released	

# 4.3 Volume Summaries (01.01.2021 – 31.05.2022)

Category	Description	Range (as a % of total
		sourced material)
FSC Controlled Wood	Material received with an FSC Controlled Wood claim	17 %
	(either from a COC- or CW/FM- certified supplier)	
Controlled material	Noncertified material verified in the organization's FSC	0 %
	Due Diligence System (DDS)	
FSC Mix	Material received with an FSC Mix Credit or FSC Mix	49 %
	XX% claim from a COC-certified supplier.	
FSC 100%	Material received with an FSC 100% claim from an	0 %
	FM/COC- or COC-certified supplier.	
Non-FSC	Material received with no valid FSC claim.	0 %
PEFC	Material received with a PEFC claim. Note that material	34 %
	can be received with both PEFC and FSC claims (no	
	double-counting)	

# **Appendix A – STANDARD CHECKLIST (CanopyStyle Verification Framework)**

#### 1. Evaluation of Site:

Primary responsible person(s): (Responsible for control system at site(s))	Kelheim Fibres GmbH
Auditor(s):	Stefan Teusan
People interviewed/Title:	Wolfgang Ott, head CSR
Note: names are withheld to protect privacy;	Timo Thunitgut, sustainability manager
all interviewees corporate, unless otherwise noted.	Matthew North, commercial director
notea.	Michael Svoboda, quality manager
	Ina Freudenberger, marketing
	Ilka Kaczmarek, innovation management/new business development
	Ulrike Kauer, controlling
	Robert Tremmel, purchase
	Konrad Brunner, production manager
	Theresa Schreiner, CSR
	Siegfried Schrödl, CSR

# 2. Standard Checklist - CanopyStyle Audit Guidelines and Verification Framework – 2021 Version (Effective September 2021)

NOTE: Where the *CanopyStyle Audit Guidelines and Verification Framework* document has declared that a requirement is not applicable to certain MMCF sites by default, a diagonal line has been drawn through the indicator and finding. For example, the *Guidelines* declare 1.1-1.9 applicable to the corporate level only.

1. The MMCF producer has publicly communicated and is implementing the Fiber Sourcing/Forest Policy				
Corporate		Mills/Pro	Mills/Production Sites	
Indicators	Findings – Corporate	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2	
1.1 Senior executive and key managers make a publicly available commitment to full implementation of the forest sourcing policy.**	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>☑ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information Available</li> </ul>			

	<b>Description of finding</b> : Kelheim Fibres GmbH commitment is publicly available on Kelheim Fibres GmbH and dated 03.06.2019.	
	https://kelheim-fibres.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Wood Pulp Sourcing Policy.pdf	
1.2 The MMCF producer has developed standard operating procedures (SOP) required to implement the Policy. These are available upon request to stakeholders. **	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>☑ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information Available</li> <li>Description of finding: The organization has developed</li> <li>Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for its staff and its</li> </ul>	
	suppliers to implement the policy. Except for internal handbooks, the procedures are publicly available. Handbooks are available for stakeholders upon request.	
	Code of Conduct Energy policy Business policy Handbook chain of custody Management system handbook Mission statement Environmental policy Wood Pulp Sourcing Policy	
1.3 The MMCF producer has assigned personnel with responsibility for Policy implementation.**	<ul> <li>Not Applicable</li> <li>Commitment Met</li> <li>Commitment in Progress</li> <li>Commitment Not Met</li> <li>Insufficient Information Available</li> </ul>	
	<b>Description of finding</b> : Key staff (including the procurement unit) have been designated and are given responsibility to implement the defined policy and code of	

	conduct. The organizational chart (dated 01.05.2022)	
	defines responsibilities for the following departments:  Management team Marketing New Business Development Analysis and Development: Laboratory and Group Leader Fiber and Application Development (ISO 17035:2018 Certification) Production	
	Human Resources and Social CSR Corporate Social Responsibility Technology / Site / Infrastructure Finance and accounting / Controlling Purchasing, Information Technologies, Risk Management	
1.4 The MMCF producer has developed capacity and organizational structure to implement the Policy.	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>☑ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information Available</li> </ul>	
	<b>Description of finding</b> : Each department has developed and has been implementing a training plan to build its staff's capacity to understand and implement the policy and SOPs. There exist evaluations procedures to check understanding of procedures (RuM Skill Matrix).	
1.5 The MMCF producer has communicated its commitment to implement its Policy to all its suppliers.**	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>☑ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information Available</li> </ul>	
	<b>Description of finding</b> : Kelheim Fibres GmbH has proactively communicated its wood pulp sourcing policy to its supplier by email communication.	

1.6 The MMCF producer has	□ Not Applicable	
included requirements to	☐ Not Applicable ☐ Commitment Met	
implement the Policy in		
agreements/contracts with	☐ Commitment in Progress	
current and future suppliers.**	☐ Commitment Not Met	
carrent and racare suppliers.	☐ Insufficient Information Available	
	<b>Description of finding</b> : The organization will state supplier	
	requirements to implement the policy is in its supplier	
	contracts. The present contract predates organization's	
	CanopyStyle certification. With the next signing the	
	contract will be update. Responsible staff shows sufficient	
1.7 The MMCF producer has	awareness.	
developed, and is	□ Not Applicable	
implementing a system to	⊠ Commitment Met	
monitor supplier conformance	☐ Commitment in Progress	
with the Policy.**	☐ Commitment Not Met	
with the Folicy.	☐ Insufficient Information Available	
	<b>Description of finding</b> : The organization has developed a	
	system to check its supplier conformance with the policy	
	through its due diligence in procurement system such as,	
	FSC CoC delivery documents and supplier declarations on	
	wood origin and tree species. The supplier validation	
	procedure categorizes (classification A, B, and C) and	
1.9 The MANCE producer has	monitors regularly supplier performance.	
1.8 The MMCF producer has put in place a grievance	□ Not Applicable	
procedure.	⊠ Commitment Met	
procedure.	☐ Commitment in Progress	
	☐ Commitment Not Met	
	☐ Insufficient Information Available	
	<b>Description of finding</b> : The organization has set up a	
	compliance management system and developed a	
	supporting process to receive complaints and a system to	

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	investigate the problem available for its customers,		
	suppliers, stakeholders and local residents.		
	https://kelheim-fibres.com/en/company/compliance/		
	The workers council receives anonymously or in		
	confidential communication any complaints from		
	employees. A person of trust has been nominated. Also, a		
	youth and trainee representative has been designated.		
1.9 The MMCF producer has	$\square$ Not Applicable, no identified non-conformance or		
developed, and is	grievance received.		
implementing, an action plan	☐ Commitment Met		
that address any identified	☐ Commitment in Progress		
non-conformance and	☐ Commitment Not Met		
grievance received.**	☐ Insufficient Information Available		
	Insumcient information Available		
	<b>Description of finding</b> : The organization uses a monitoring		
	tool. All internal and external findings are listed with		
	_		
	reporting and due date, corrective action, responsible staff,		
	and status. The company management organizes annually		
	a gathering nearby the facility in the local community. Any		
	local resident can talk to the organization's top		
	management.		
1.10 Key managers at each		☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
production site are aware of		□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
the Policy and demonstrate a		☐ Commitment in	☐ Commitment in
similar commitment to		Progress	Progress
implement it. **		☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
		☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
		Available	Available
		Description of finding:	Description of finding
		There is only one	
		production site at Kelheim	
		Fibres GmbH. During the	

	interview, the	
	management staff	
	confirmed knowledge and	
	commitment to the policy.	
1.11 Each production site	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
managers have developed	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
procedures to implement the	☐ Commitment in	☐ Commitment in
Policy, when relevant. **	Progress	Progress
	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
	Available	Available
	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	There is only one	
	production site at Kelheim	
	Fibres GmbH. The	
	production manager is	
	part of the organization's	
	management team and	
	directly contributes to the	
	development of	
	procedures.	

**Summary**: The MMCF producer has publicly communicated and is implementing the Fiber Sourcing/Forest Policy. All but one indicator meet the commitment. The next supplier agreement will include requirements to implement the Policy in agreements/contracts with suppliers, according to staff.

2. The MMCF producer only sources raw material from suppliers that are transparent, traceable and are in conformance with the policy.			
Corporate		Mills/Production Sites	
Indicators	Findings	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2
2.1 The MMCF producer identifies all raw material inputs by volume (ie, wood pulp/chips, cotton linters, agricultural residues, recycled cotton pulp) for the previous year. It also includes information about what volumes have FSC claims (ie, FSC Mix, FSC 100%, FSC controlled wood). Where traceability is known, specify the FSC certified FMU	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: The organization has produced risk assessment of its supply chain. Upon request these procedures will be provided to Canopy with permission to share to the Leaders Group.	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>□ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information</li> <li>Available</li> <li>Description of finding:</li> <li>□ Refer to corporate-level finding.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>□ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information</li> <li>Available</li> <li>Description of finding:</li> <li>□ Refer to corporate-level finding.</li> </ul>
2.2 An assessment of the MMCF producer supply chain has been completed globally. The producer used the Forest Mapper, advice note on Ancient and Endangered Forests and the Dissolving Pulp Classification tool, to make their supply assessment. **	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: Organization only sources from one sole supplier that sources from two dissolving pulp mills, which are classified as low risk supply chain in Classification of Dissolving Pulp mills (Feb 2020).	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: □ Refer to corporate-level finding.	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: □ Refer to corporate-level finding.
2.3 The assessment identifies all suppliers in the chain that supply the MMCF mills, beginning at the forest or plantation of origin.	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>☑ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information Available</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>□ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information</li> <li>Available</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Not Applicable</li> <li>□ Commitment Met</li> <li>□ Commitment in Progress</li> <li>□ Commitment Not Met</li> <li>□ Insufficient Information</li> <li>Available</li> </ul>

	<b>Description of finding</b> : Organization		
	only sources from one sole supplier	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	Lenzing AG that sources from three	☐ Refer to corporate-level	$\square$ Refer to corporate-level
	dissolving pulp mills, which are	finding.	finding.
	classified as low risk supply chain in		
	Classification of Dissolving Pulp mills		
	(Feb 2020).		
2.4 This assessment is updated	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
every year and shared with Canopy,	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
with permission to share with the	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
Leaders Group	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
		Available	Available
	<b>Description of finding</b> : Organization		
	has produced risk assessment of its	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	supply chain. Every quarter the	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	assessment is updated, prior to each	finding.	finding.
	purchase. Upon request these		
	procedures will be provided to		
	Canopy with permission to share to		
	the Leaders Group. No request has		
	been received.		
2.5 The producer developed	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
additional criteria to complete their	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
risk assessment, to include legality,	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
violation of human rights and risks	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
related to the conversion of natural	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
forests to plantations (1994 date),		Available	Available
use of Genetically Modified	<b>Description of finding</b> : Organization's		
Organism.	sustainability report (2021) addresses	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	additional criteria in section 5.1 Fair	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	business practices: Human rights,	finding.	finding.
	Conflict of Interest, Bribery and		
	corruption, Trading and export		
	controls, transparent finance		

	T		
	reporting, as well as in section 3.2.1 (Raw materials). The supplier's sustainability report addresses SDGs. The SOP states that only certified material is accepted as raw material, however not all certification types meet all these additional criteria.		
2.6 The MMCF producer publishes its suppliers publicly, or, in the	<ul><li>☐ Not Applicable</li><li>☒ Commitment Met</li></ul>		
absence of such transparency, is	☐ Commitment in Progress		
providing its customers with a	☐ Commitment Not Met		
robust track and trace system that can be used throughout the supply	☐ Insufficient Information Available		
chain up to clothing and textile	<b>Description of finding</b> : The supplier is		
retailers.	published on organization's website:		
	https://kelheim-		
	fibres.com/nachhaltigkeit/fasern-aus-		
	holz/		
	Citation: "The wood pulps we use for		
	the production of viscose are		
	purchased from Lenzing AG and		
	consequently fall under the Wood		
	and Pulp policy of the Lenzing		
	Group."		
•	The MMCF producer only sources raw ma	aterial from suppliers that are transpa	rent, traceable and are in
conformance with the policy.			

3. No conversion of natural forest to plantations			
Corporate		Mills/Production Sites	
Indicators	Findings	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2
3.1 The initial date of the plantation	☐ Not Applicable, not sourcing from	$\square$ Not Applicable, does not source	☐ Not Applicable, does not source
development has been documented	its own plantations.	primary material.	primary material.
and sourcing only occurs in areas	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
identified pre 1994, or post 1994	□ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met

with a supporting valid FSC certificate. **	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information Available
	Description of finding: The		
	organization sources only FSC Mix	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	Credit or FSC Controlled Wood		
	certified material. Since only FSC		
	100% can guarantee pre-1994.		
	Currently no sufficient FSC 100%		
	certified raw material is available.		
	Annually requests are sent to the		
	supplier for information on species		
	and district of origin. The areas are		
	central Europe and south Africa,		
	where FSC CW CNRAs consider		
	category 4 as low risk.		

**Summary**: Since the organization sources only from certified and CanopyStyle assessed sub-suppliers, sourcing from conversion areas of natural forest to plantations is avoided. The supplier sources in central Europe (within EU) and South Africa. The FSC CW CNRA are available for all sources areas. The category is "low risk".

Corporate		Mills/Production Sites	
Indicators	Findings	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2
4.1 The MMCF producer has	☐ Not Applicable		
adopted clear definitions for the	□ Commitment Met		
terms included in their Policy, such	☐ Commitment in Progress		
as "ancient & endangered forests,"	☐ Commitment Not Met		
"intact forest," "natural forest,"	☐ Insufficient Information Available		
"endangered species," "controversial sources," "high			
conservation value," "high carbon	Description of finding: The		
area," "peatlands," etc. that are	organization's Wood Pulp Sourcing		
consistent with this document and	Policy mentions the definition for		
the forest sourcing policy	ancient and endangered forests to		
template.**	refer to Canopy's Website. Supplier		
template.	has been informed by email.		

4.2 All areas meeting the definition of "Ancient and Endangered Forests" have been identified and mapped and suppliers and fibre that have a high risk of being considered controversial sources have been identified and shared with Canopy, with permission to share with the Leaders Group. **	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: Organization's Sub-suppliers are identified as low risk in the Classification of Dissolving Pulp Mills. The supply chain has been mapped.		
4.3 Any raw materials in the MMCF producer's supply chain originating from Ancient and Endangered	<ul><li>☑ Not Applicable, no such raw materials sourced.</li><li>☐ Commitment Met</li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ Not Applicable, no such raw materials sourced.</li><li>☐ Commitment Met</li></ul>	<ul><li>☐ Not Applicable, no such raw materials sourced.</li><li>☐ Commitment Met</li></ul>
Forests or other controversial	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
sources, and acquired before the	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
Policy was adopted by the company,	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
such as stocks in log yards, will be		Available	Available
documented, identified accordingly	Description of finding:		
and utilised by the mills. **		Description of finding:	Description of finding:
		$\square$ Raw material supply chain is	$\square$ Raw material supply chain is
		the same as the corporate/main	the same as the corporate/main
		production site.	production site.
4.4 The MMCF producer is aware of	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
all relevant local, national and international laws and there is no	⊠ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	Commitment Met
evidence of non-compliance, with	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
local, national or international laws.	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
	Description of findings Wells since	Available	Available
	Description of finding: Kelheim	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	Fibres GmbH policy states that all relevant German (HolzSIG) and EU	Description of infame.	Description of infame.
	policies (EUTR) are applied to its		
	operation. There is no evidence of		

	non-compliance with relevant laws		
	for its suppliers as well.		
4.5 The commitment not to source	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
from Ancient and Endangered	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
Forests and other controversial	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
sources is verified. **	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
		Available	Available
	<b>Description of finding</b> :. Sub-suppliers		
	have been determined low risk by	<b>Description of finding</b> : ☐ Refer to	<b>Description of finding</b> : ☐ Refer to
	CanopyStyle audit and the	corporate-level finding.	corporate-level finding.
	Classification Dissolving Pulp Mills for		
	both suppliers.		
<b>Summary</b> : All requirements are met.	Since the signature of the Policy, all sour	cing from Ancient and Endangered Fo	rests and other controversial
sources have been eliminated.			
5. If suppliers contravene these criter	ria, the MMCF producer will first engage	them to change practices and then r	re-evaluate its relationship with

#### them. Corporate Mills/Production Sites Findings - Site #1 **Indicators Findings** Findings – Site #2 5.1 All MMCF producers' suppliers ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Not Applicable are identified and the forest of □ Commitment Met ☐ Commitment Met ☐ Commitment Met origin is known.\*\* ☐ Commitment in Progress ☐ Commitment in Progress ☐ Commitment in Progress ☐ Commitment Not Met ☐ Commitment Not Met ☐ Commitment Not Met ☐ Insufficient Information Available ☐ Insufficient Information ☐ Insufficient Information Available Available **Description of finding:** The **Description of finding: Description of finding:** organization's supplier has undergone a CanopyStyle audit and ☐ Refer to corporate-level ☐ Refer to corporate-level two sub-suppliers are listed in the finding. finding. Classification of Dissolving Pulp Mills, indicating low risk. All suppliers are FSC and PEFC certified. 5.2 The MMCF producer has ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Not Applicable developed procedure for engaging

with suppliers, up to withdrawing	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
from purchase and other	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
agreements in situations where non-	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
conformance is found.**	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
(Note: This means potential legal		Available	Available
and contractual issues associated	Description of finding: The		
with withdrawal are identified and	organization's procedures and the	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
addressed.)	definition in the supplier contract	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	define that only certified material can	finding.	finding.
	be accepted. Any non-conforming		
	supplies will be rejected. No such		
	cases has been reported since the		
	last audit.		
5.3 The MMCF producer has	⋈ Not Applicable, no withdrawals	$\square$ Not Applicable, no withdrawals	☐ Not Applicable, no withdrawals
documented withdrawals from	from supply agreements and/or no	from supply agreements and/or	from supply agreements and/or
supply agreements where non-	non-conformance found.	no non-conformance found.	no non-conformance found.
conformance has been found.**	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
		Available	Available
	Description of finding:		
	No such case.	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
Summary:			
-	erested stakeholders and Leaders Group		
	Ancient and Endangered Forests, the MI		
	sed conservation planning and seeking FS		rcing. (it, and when the producer is
	e the conservation planning themselves)		
·	orate	<del>-</del>	uction Sites
Indicators	Findings	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2
6.1 When requested, Canopy, the	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
Leaders Group and other stakeholder observers are permitted	⊠ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
to participate freely and to report	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
to participate freely and to report			

observations during this verification	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
process. **	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information Available
	Description of finding: The		
	organization is agreeable to having	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	Leaders Group and stakeholders to	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	observe the verification process.	finding.	finding.
6.2 The MMCF producer requires of	□ Not Applicable, does not source	$\square$ Not Applicable, does not source	$\square$ Not Applicable, does not source
its supplier to complete large scale	from ancient and endangered forests.	from ancient and endangered	from ancient and endangered
scientifically based conservation	☐ Commitment Met	forests.	forests.
planning, High Conservation Value	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
assessments, and/or High Carbon	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
Value assessment, identifying areas	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
for protection, has been completed,		☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
based on best available science, by a credible third party, and made	Description of finding:	Available	Available
public. **			
public.		Description of finding:	Description of finding:
		☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
		finding.	finding.
6.3 If sourcing from controversial	⋈ Not Applicable, no sourcing from	☐ Not Applicable, no sourcing	☐ Not Applicable, no sourcing
areas, with records of conflict and	such controversial areas.	from such controversial areas.	from such controversial areas.
human rights violation, the MMCF	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
producer requires of its supplier to	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
complete an assessment that	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
includes participatory mapping of	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
lands owned or claimed by		Available	Available
indigenous and local communities,	Description of finding:		
identification of areas for		Description of finding:	Description of finding:
protection, areas for conflict		_	
resolution and remedy of past			
harms that involve affected parties,			
their chosen advisors and relevant stakeholders, have been completed			

third party and made public. **			
6.4 The MMCF producer requires of	☑ Not Applicable, does not source	$\square$ Not Applicable, does not source	$\square$ Not Applicable, does not source
its supplier to have developed a	from ancient and endangered forests.	from ancient and endangered	from ancient and endangered
management plan that identifies	☐ Commitment Met	forests.	forests.
measures to protect areas identified	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
in large scale scientifically based	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
conservation planning, HCV and HCS	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
assessments with the Free, Prior and	Insummer information / valuable	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
Informed Consent of indigenous and	Description of finding:	Available	Available
local communities whose land or	Description of initiality.	, wand ble	/ Wallable
land claims are impacted and with		Description of finding:	Description of finding:
input from credible ENGOs. **		Description of infamily.	Description of infamily.
6.5 The MMCF producer requires of	⋈ Not Applicable, does not source	$\square$ Not Applicable, does not source	$\square$ Not Applicable, does not source
its supplier to have developed and	from ancient and endangered forests.	from ancient and endangered	from ancient and endangered
implemented a time-bound action	☐ Commitment Met	forests.	forests.
plan to actively seek the legal	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
protection of these areas with final	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
land-use decision-makers in a way	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
that meets principles of Free Prior		☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
and Informed Consent. **	Description of finding:	Available	Available
		Description of finding:	Description of finding:
Summary: The commitment for the or	nly applicable requirement is met. The M	IMCF producer welcomes interested s	takeholders and Leaders Group
observers to verify the implementatio	n		
	e, respect and uphold human rights and	_	ers affected by the operations of
their mills and their supply chain and	affiliated companies in the forestry sec		
	porate	Mills/Production Sites	
Indicators	Findings	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2
7.1 The MMCF producer has	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
developed and requires its suppliers	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
to adopt a similar policy, systems	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
and procedures to implement Free,	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
Prior and Informed Consent of			

by a credible and mutually agreed

indigenous people and local	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
communities affected by forest		Available	Available
operations. **	Description of finding: The		
	organization states its commitment	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	to fully comply with German/EU law	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	regarding human rights in its	finding.	finding.
	company policy as well as		
	commitment to CanopyStyle		
	Verification Framework. The supplier		
	has been informed about the		
	organization's commitment to		
	CanopyStyle requirements. The only		
	supplier follows the CanopyStyle		
	framework.		
	Within the EU there exist only		
	indigenous peoples in Sweden,		
	Denmark (Greenland), and Finland.		
	No indigenous peoples have been		
	identified in central Europe. For		
	South Africa the FSC CNRA states low		
	risk.		
	EU legislation has evolved by		
	incorporating Indigenous Peoples'		
	rights, particularly in the European		
	Parliament Resolution on "violation		
	of the rights of indigenous peoples in		
	the world, including land grabbing"		
	(2018) and the recently passed		
	resolutions that confirm the EU's		
	commitment to Indigenous Peoples.		
7.2 Suppliers document how they	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
conform with the MMCF producer's	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
commitment to recognize and	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
respect human rights, community			

rights, First Nations rights and rights	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
of workers. **	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information Available
	Description of finding: The		
	organization's supplier signed	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	contract where it is stated that	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	commitment to human rights, as	finding.	finding.
	articulated in its procurement policy		
	and company code of conduct.		
	Supplier and sub-suppliers hold FSC		
	and PEFC certificates, which for this		
	sourcing region offer some assurances of recognition for human		
	rights. Sub-suppliers have also been		
	audited to the CanopyStyle		
	Verification Framework.		
7.3 The MMCF producer and its	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
suppliers have a grievance	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
mechanism and show responsible	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
handling of complaints and	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
resolution of conflicts in a transparent and accountable	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
manner that is mutually agreed by		Available	Available
the parties.	<b>Description of finding</b> : FSC and PEFC		
the parties.	standards include requirements for	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	complaint procedure. The supplier's	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	CSR is publicly available.	finding.	finding.
7.4 The MMCF producer and its	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
suppliers have developed internal	⊠ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
capacity and organizational structure to recognize and respect	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
the rights of its workers.	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
the rights of its workers.	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
		Available	Available
	<b>Description of finding</b> : Organization's	Barrier of Carlos	Description of Carlos
1	CSR policy is publicly available. A	Description of finding:	Description of finding:

	worker council has been elected at the site. Interview with worker council member confirmed that open and structured dialog between company management and workers is regularly maintained. FSC and PEFC standards also focus on ILO declaration.	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level finding. Interviews with site-level personnel also confirm that there are policies and processes in place, such as a Human Resources department, to address workers' rights.
7.5 The MMCF producer has	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
developed procedures to ensure its	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
forest/wood suppliers uphold the	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
International Labour Organization	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
(ILO) Declaration on Fundamental	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
Principles and Rights at Work		Available	Available
	Description of finding: The		
	organization only sources from	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	certified FSC or PEFC products.	☐ Refer to corporate-level finding	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	Therefore, all suppliers are upholding		finding. Interviews with site-level
	ILO Declaration on Fundamental		personnel also confirm that there
	Principles and Rights at Work as this		are policies and processes in place,
	requirement has always been part of		such as a Human Resources
	FSC and PEFC certification		department, to address workers'
	requirements.		rights.
7.6 Recognition and respect for	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
human rights is demonstrated by	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
the MMCF producer's forest/wood	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
suppliers. There is no evidence of	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
continuing to source from a	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
forest/wood supplier that has failed		Available	Available
to acknowledge or resolved social conflicts and remedy past or current	Description of finding: The		
human rights violations. **	organization states its recognition	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
numan rights violations.	and respect for human rights in its	☐ Refer to corporate-level	$\square$ Refer to corporate-level
	company code of conduct and	finding.	finding. Interviews with site-level
	principles, as well as being certified		personnel also confirm that there
	by FSC. There are no known social		are policies and processes in place.

conflicts found. Interviews with site-	such as a Human Resources
level personnel also confirm that	department. Personnel
there are policies and processes in	interviewed were knowledgeable
place, such as a Human Resources	of processes available to resolve
department. Personnel interviewed	conflicts and human rights
were knowledgeable of processes	violations such as discrimination.
available to resolve conflicts and	
human rights violations such as	
discrimination	

**Summary**: All commitments are met. The MMCF producer recognizes, respects and upholds human rights and the rights of communities and workers affected by the operations of their mills and their supply chain and affiliated companies in the forestry sector. No conflicts came to the attention of the auditor.

8. Development of Innovative and Alternative Fiber			
Corporate		Mills/Production Sites	
Indicators	Findings	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2
8.1 The MMCF producer has developed and implemented an internal action plan to collaborate with innovative companies and suppliers to explore and encourage the development of new alternative fibre sources that reduce environmental and social impacts, such as agricultural residues and recycled fibres. **	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: The organization does have and implement internal action plans with innovative companies to develop alternative fibres that reduce environmental and social impacts. Several recent press releases document the organization's commitment. Nominated for the German Sustainability Award in the category "Biodiversity" for the concept of our biodegradable	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: □ Refer to corporate-level finding.	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: □ Refer to corporate-level finding.

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8.2 The research and development phase for the production of pulp and cellulosic fibre made from alternative fibre sources has been successfully completed and the MMCF producer is entering a commercial scale phase.	fibres for absorbent hygiene products (AHP).  2022: Winning the Techtextil Award in the "New Concept" category for their project "Cellulose-based nonwovens for highly absorbent reusable products"  2022: For the second time in a row, the speciality viscose fibre manufacturer Kelheim Fibres was awarded a place on the podium at the Cellulose Fibre Innovation of the Year Awards  2021: 2nd place in the Cellulose Fibre Innovation of the Year 2021  2020: Finalist at the Sustainability Heroes Awards with our fibres for absorbent hygiene products (AHP)  Not Applicable  Commitment Met  Commitment Not Met  Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: The organization is currently in the testing stage of several alternative sources. Meanwhile several research reports have been produced, the company will prepare for entering a	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: □ Refer to corporate-level finding.	□ Not Applicable □ Commitment Met □ Commitment in Progress □ Commitment Not Met □ Insufficient Information Available  Description of finding: □ Refer to corporate-level finding.	
	testing stage of several alternative	$\square$ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level	
		finding.	finding.	
	company will prepare for entering a			
	commercial scale phase after the test			
	results.			
- ·	ment department has launched several n	new projects and the organization did	win several awards. One indicator	
meets commitment, but additional progress is to be expected.				

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9. Voluntary advocacy for conservation solutions			
Corp	oorate	Mills/Production Sites	
Indicators	Findings	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2
9.1 The MMCF producer has a track	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
record of participating in events that	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
support collaborative and visionary	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
system solutions that aim protect	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
remaining Ancient and Endangered Forests. **	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
Torests.		Available	Available
	Description of finding: The		
	organization has been showing its	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	support to protect remaining ancient	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	and endangered forests through	finding.	finding.
	advocating CanopyStyle Verification		
	Framework at Dornbirn Global Fibre		
	Congress and communicate its commitment to the framework at		
	some fairs its staff attended.		
	International Textile Machinery		
	Association (ITMA) exhibition) news		
	reported that Kelheim Fibres GmbH		
	was joining CanopyStyle and that		
	attracted people to further discuss it		
	at its exhibition booth.		
9.2 When prompted, the MMCF	☐ Not Applicable		
producer uses its brand influence or	□ Commitment Met		
purchasing influence to positively	☐ Commitment in Progress		
impact conservation and	☐ Commitment Not Met		
development solutions that have	☐ Insufficient Information Available		
the Free, Prior and Informed			
Consent of affected indigenous and local communities. **	<b>Description of finding</b> : The		
local communities.	organization has taken action to		
	support the conservation of critical		
	forest landscapes, such as Indonesia's		

	Leuser Ecosystem, and Vancouver		
	Island Rainforests.		
9.3 The MMCF producer publicly	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
supports science-based	□ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
international and national target(s)	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
and programs for preserving	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
designated protected and	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
conservation areas that have the		Available	Available
Free, Prior and Informed Consent of	Description of finding: In the past,		
affected indigenous and local communities.	after consulting with CanopyStyle,	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
communicies.	the organization publicly released a	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	statement to support conservation	finding.	finding.
	efforts by relevant governments and		
	Canopy of the Leuser ecosystems and		
	ancient forests on Vancouver Island,		
	dated Nov. 11, 2019.		
	Since the audit occurred the		
	organization has supported a public		
	letter calling for international		
	conservation targets of 30% by 2030.		
9.4 The MMCF producer is	☐ Not Applicable, does not source	☐ Not Applicable, does not source	☐ Not Applicable, does not source
developing and implementing	directly from forests.	directly from forests.	directly from forests.
specific programs to increase the	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
endangered species population and	□ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
the maintenance of their habitat	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
through time, with government	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
and/or ENGO programs. **		Available	Available
	Description of finding: The		
	organization intends cooperation	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	with local conservation projects		
	(National "Park Bayerischer Wald").		
	Talks with CanopyStyle staff have		
	been requested for additional input		

**Summary**: Voluntary advocacy for conservation solutions has been initiated. Additional improvement is needed. Fiber is sourced from central Europe and South Africa. Specific program should be developed for this sourcing areas.

10. Responsible forest management	
Corporate Mills/Production Sites	
Indicators Findings – Site #1 Findings – Site #2	
10.1 The MMCF producer has ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Not Applicable ☐ Not Applicable	
defined criteria for responsible ☐ Commitment Met ☐ Commitment Met ☐ Commitment Met	
forest management, gives a	
preference for FSC certification and Commitment Not Met	
has developed and implemented an Insufficient Information Available Insufficient Information Insufficient Information	
action plan to increase FSC intake.**  Available  Available	
Description of finding: All input is	
certified against FSC and / or PEFC	
and FSC Controlled Wood. The   Refer to corporate-level   Refer to corporate-level	
quantities of FSC sales are customer finding. finding.	
driven. Some customers have no	
demand on their own market. The	
intake for each certification scheme	
has been steadily increased for years.	
The new business development	
department has defined internal	
strategic targets to further increase	
the percentage of FSC certified	
quantities over the next years. The	
organization has signed long-term	
purchase contracts with its supplier.	
Upon signing a new contract,	
updated targets will be incorporated.  Summary: The organization supports responsible forest management and sales of certified material is annually increasing.	

11. Reduction of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Footprint by recognizing the importance of forests and peatlands as carbon storehouses.			
Corporate Mills/Production Sites			
Indicators	Findings	Findings – ECC Findings – ESC	

11.1 The MMCF producer has	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
procedures to evaluate their	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
suppliers' performance in reducing		☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
GHG.	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
		Available	Available
	Description of finding: The		
	organization is EMAS certified and	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	has published a carbon footprint	☐ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	report. The BREF definitions, ZDHC	finding.	finding.
	specifications and common labelling	3	
	schemes such as the Nordic Swan and		
	the EU Ecolabel are used as		
	benchmarks for sustainability. The		
	organization sustainability report		
	(2021) states in section 3.4.2.3		
	(Carbon footprint: Scope 3		
	emissions): "We aim to improve data		
	quality and to establish closer		
	cooperation in this area with our		
	suppliers within the coming years."		
11.2 The MMCF producer has	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable
procedures to know whether their	☐ Commitment Met	$\square$ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
suppliers are sourcing from tropical	□ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
peatlands and/or intact forest	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
landscapes.	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
		Available	Available
	<b>Description of finding</b> : The SOP does		
	not explicitly refer to intact forest	Description of finding:	Description of finding:
	landscapes or peat. The organization	$\square$ Refer to corporate-level	☐ Refer to corporate-level
	requests annual confirmation on tree	finding.	finding.
	species and sourced regions (district		
	of origin). The supplier holds a higher		
	ranking in the Canopy supplier as the		
	organization.		

11.3 The MMCF producer can		☐ Not Applicable, does not source	$\square$ Not Applicable, does not source
document giving preference to		primary material.	primary material.
suppliers that are not operating in		☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met
intact forest landscapes or on		□ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in Progress
drained tropical peatlands and that		☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met
have identified, withdrawn from and		☐ Insufficient Information	☐ Insufficient Information
are restoring peatlands and their		Available	Available
hydrology. **			
		Description of finding:	Description of finding:
		The organization has signed a long	
		term contract with its supplier.	
		The supplier assessment	
		procedure excludes all non-	
		certified suppliers, but does not	
		explicitly refer to peatlands of	
		intact forest landscapes. The	
		sustainability report (2021) refers	
		in section 3.2.1 to the	
		organization's policy on pulp	
		purchasing.	
Summary: Organization has significan	tly increased its awareness and support	of GHS reduction.	

12. Pollution Prevention				
Corporate		Mills/Production Sites		
Indicators	Findings	Findings – Site #1	Findings – Site #2	
12.1 * This verification process will not verify		☐ Not Applicable	☐ Not Applicable	
at first hand the pulp and viscose	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	☐ Commitment Met	
manufacturing process which can lead to air	☐ Commitment in Progress	☐ Commitment in	☐ Commitment in	
and water emissions that impact overall	☐ Commitment Not Met	Progress	Progress	
environmental quality.	☐ Insufficient Information Available	☐ Commitment Not Met	☐ Commitment Not Met	
Canany avagets MAMCE producers to invest in		☐ Insufficient	☐ Insufficient	
Canopy expects MMCF producers to invest in and use the cleanest dissolving pulp and	<b>Description of finding</b> : The organization does	Information Available	Information Available	
viscose manufacturing technology (i.e. lyocell	not have lyocell process but since a fire			
	recently occurred at Kelheim Fibres GmbH mill,			

process), and to implement the ZDHC new	it switched into more efficient technologies.	Description of finding:	Description of finding:	
viscose guidelines available at	The technologies include sulphur and CO2	Refer to corporate-level	Refer to corporate-level	
https://www.roadmaptozero.com/post/zdhc-	emission reduction and waste purification. Its	finding.	finding.	
man-made-cellulosic-guidelines-released.	power plant uses 100% natural gas. The			
	organization's latest sustainability report			
	(2021) states an average gas power generation			
	efficiency of more than 90%. Facing a regional			
	energy crisis, the organization has initiated the			
	construction of an alternative energy system			
	as back up.			
	https://kelheim-fibres.com/wp-			
	content/uploads/2022/01/2021_Sustainability-			
	Report-Kelheim-Fibres.pdf			
Summary: Pollution Prevention and energy efficiency is a major concern. The current and future energy crises will be challenging for organization.				

## **Appendix B – Canopy Recommendations**



Canopy applauds Kelheim Fibres for embarking on its second CanopyStyle audit. The report concludes that the company is at low risk of sourcing from Ancient and Endangered Forests, has increased its uptake of FSC certified fibre year over year, and is actively working on the development of Next Generation fibre solutions.

The CanopyStyle audit is a learning opportunity, and in the spirit of continuous improvement, additional actions can be taken over time to fully implement Kelheim policy commitments. Based on the review of the audit report, Canopy recommends the following next steps:

- 1. Include company policy commitments in contracts with suppliers.
- 2. Develop procedures to ensure that no wood fibre from plantations established after 1994, Intact Forest Landscapes or from plantations established on peat, is entering the supply chain;
- 3. Update the company's CanopyStyle risk assessment to include all controversial sources, some of which are not assured by all certification types (PEFC, FSC Mix and FSC Controlled Wood).
- 4. Continue to work on Next Generation fibres, and adopt ambitious targets and timelines with the goal of achieving 50% by 2030;

We recommend that the company develop an action plan to address these priority issues, so that they can be addressed before the next annual audit.

As mentioned in the CanopyStyle audit framework, ongoing audits and/or random site visits will be essential to ensure that Kelheim Fibres continues to implement their policy and meets the expectations of the CanopyStyle Initiative.

Once again, we commend Kelheim Fibres on the timely completion of the second audit and for achieving low risk of sourcing from Ancient and Endangered Forests in your supply chain.

We look forward to working collaboratively with Kelheim Fibres to address any outstanding issues.