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Report from extra follow-up audit of SCA Skog AB

Organization	SCA Skog AB
Standard	Swedish FSC Standard
Date of audit	6-7 February 2008

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this extra follow-up audit was to verify the effectiveness of corrective actions taken in response to Major Corrective Action Requests (CAR) 10, 11 and 15 from November 2007.

2.0 Outcome

The audit team, which consisted of a FSC auditor from SGS and a specialist from the Swedish Forestry Board, has evaluated operations at SCA Skog based on random spot checks in the field and interviews. We feel that we received good insight into the various improvement measures that were adopted during the three months that have passed since the previous audit was conducted.

CAR 10: An action plan has been established and initiated. Since no seasonal employees are currently employed, not all measures have yet been taken. The expiration date for CAR 10 has consequently been changed to June 2008, when the effects of corrective measures relating to systematic work environment efforts can be followed up.

CAR 11: Both company employees and contractors (including 576 machine operators) have completed training and passed a written exam. Results of field checks demonstrate that measures have had the desired effect. No trees with high nature qualities were determined to have been felled in the felling tracts that were included in the random spot check, and all employees interviewed were very familiar with the applicable internal instructions. Based on these results, CAR 11 was closed.

CAR 15: An action plan has been established and initiated. The closure of CAR 11 demonstrates that the initial measures were effective. The closure date for Major CAR 15 has therefore been changed to June 2008, when the effects of other corrective measures relating to adequate nature conservation, can be followed up on.

Based on the results of this follow-up audit, it is recommended that SCA Skog AB receive continued FSC certification.

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Corrective Action Requests (CAR)

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CAR # 10, MAJOR	FSC P&C 4.1.3	Date Recorded>	Nov 2, 2007	Due Date>	June 13, 2008	Date Closed>		
		Non-Conformance:						
		SCA has not ensured that its employees have a good work environment for the prevention of physical illness. Applicable regulations for systematic work environment efforts have not been followed.						
		Objective Evidence:						
		Reference to minor CAR #4. Corrective measures have not been adopted by all administrations. In Norrbotten, seasonally employed personnel are still not covered by systematic work environment efforts. Protective rounds have not been fully completed.						
		Close-out evidence:						
An action plan has been decided on and initiated. An action plan has been established and initiated. Since no seasonally employed personnel are hired at present, all measures have not yet been adopted. The closure date for CAR 10 has therefore been changed to June 2008, at which time the effects of corrective measures regarding systematic work environment efforts can be followed up on.								

CAR # 11, MAJOR	FSC P&C 6.5.5	Date Recorded>	Nov 2, 2007	Due Date>	Feb 2, 2008	Date Closed>	Feb 7, 2008	
		Non-Conformance:						
		Trees with high nature qualities have not been protected in all instances, and have instead been felled.						
		Objective Evidence:						
		Reference to minor CAR # 5. Measures taken have obviously not been sufficiently effective. An outside complaint has made SCA aware that trees with obvious high nature qualities have been felled without apparent cause.						
		Close-out evidence:						
Closed. A multi-step program of measures has been initiated. The initial measures have had the desired effect. Both company employees and contractors (including 576 machine operators) have completed training and passed a written exam. No trees with high nature qualities were determined to have been felled and all employees interviewed demonstrated requisite proficiency.								

CAR #	FSC P&C	Date Recorded>	Nov 2, 2007	Due Date>	June 13, 2008	Date Closed>	See CAR #17
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15, MAJOR	3.0	Non-Conformance:
		SCA has not sufficiently ensured that the commitments prescribed in Principle 6 of the FSC standards were fulfilled at all forest properties.
		Objective Evidence:
		Reference to CAR 11- 14 above.
		Close-out evidence:
		An action plan has been established and initiated. Closure of CAR 11 demonstrates that the initial measures have been effective. The closure date for Major CAR 15 has therefore been changed to June 2008, at which time the effects of other corrective measures relating to adequate nature conservation can be followed up on.