Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Preferred by Nature OÜ
Evaluation of CONSTELLATION UTILITES SERVICES

First Surveillance Audit

Sustainable Biomass Program
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Completed in accordance with the CB Public Summary Report Template Version 2.1 and SBP Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 (REDIII)

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-13-54
Date of certificate issue:	22 Oct 2025
Date of certificate expiry:	21 Oct 2030
Audit closing meeting date:	06 Feb 2026
Audit cycle:	First Surveillance Audit

2 Audit conclusions

2.1 Certification decision

Based on the auditor's recommendation and the Certification Body's technical review, the following certification decision is taken:	
Certification decision:	Certification approved
Certification decision by (name of the person):	Kersti Kuum
Date of decision:	14 Apr 2026
Other comments:	N/A

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

NC number 8600	NC Grading: Minor
Standard:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0
Requirement:	1.18 The SEP shall be available upon request in a language(s) that is/are accessible for the identified affected stakeholders. N/A N/A N/A
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
The Organisation has not demonstrated how the stakeholder engagement plan is made available upon request. Since no major stakeholders' concerns are on-going, this is a minor NC.	
Timeline for Conformance:	By the next surveillance audit, but no later than 12 months from report finalisation date
Evidence Provided by Company to close NC:	N/A
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	N/A
NC Status:	Open

NC number 8601	NC Grading: Major
Standard:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0
Requirement:	1.20 Where non-conforming products and/or associated claims are detected after they have been delivered, the Organisation shall undertake the following activities: a. notify its CB and all affected direct customers in writing within five (5) business days of the non-conforming product claim and maintain records of that notice; b. analysis of causes of the occurrence of non-conforming products claims, and implement measures to prevent their re-occurrence; and c. cooperate with its CB in order to allow them to confirm that appropriate actions were taken to correct the non-conformance. N/A N/A N/A

Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
NCR 2025-003184 issued during last audit shouldn't have been closed, since current procedures do not contain the mandatory instructions cited under requirement 1.20 of SBP Standard 4. Major NC with an May 6th, 2026, deadline is issued.	
Timeline for Conformance:	Other
Evidence Provided by Company to close NC:	N/A
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	N/A
NC Status:	Open

2.2 Closed non-conformities

2.3 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

None

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

None

3 Scope of the audit and SBP certificate

Scope item	Check all that apply to the Certificate scope
Primary activity	End User
Secondary activity	
Approved Standards	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0; SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data v2.0; SBP Standard 6: Energy and Carbon Balance Calculation v2.0; Instruction Document REDII: Bridging requirements of the SBP scheme for meeting REDII. v1.2; Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon data. v2.1; Instruction Document 6D: Methodology for the Calculation and Certification of GHG Emissions Savings for EU RED v2.0
Product Group IDs	☒ Forest feedstock (1A) ☐ Trees outside forest (TOF) - Urban and landscape feedstock (2A) ☐ Trees outside forest (TOF) - Agricultural land feedstock (3A) ☐ Processing residues feedstock (4A) ☐ Post-consumer feedstock (5A) ☐ Other (please specify)
SBP Feedstock types	☐ SBP Compliant; ☒ SBP Controlled
Includes Supply Base Evaluation (SBE)	No
Includes EU RED Scheme	Yes
Includes EU RED Supply Base Evaluation (SBE)	No
Products	WB 2.1 Wood chips
Feedstock origin (countries):	France
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: **Public link:** **https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/**	Not applicable
Chain of custody system	☒ Physical separation ☐ Mass balance
Outsourcing	No
Changes in the scope	Organization is using applicable grandfathering clause for REDII

3.1 Description of the company

> *Guidance: Please describe the type, structure and operations of the company including its role in the supply chain, its inputs and outputs as they related to SBP Standards.*

Energy producing facility, providing Airbus site with power and steam. Location : BLAGNAC (31) Agency : TOULOUSE OCCITANIE, Fance Rubrique ICPE : 3110 ; Installation de combustion ≥50MW Power ICPE : 118 MW (20MW of Biomass, rest is Gas) Date of commissioning for Biomass : 06/2024 Yield is 85% Only supplier is ENGIE/SOVEN. Total consumption is estimated to 42 000T/year.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
CONSTELLATION UTILITES SERVICES	1 avenue d'Aéroconstellation Blagnac, 31700 France	End user	☐

3.3 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system and Product Groups

> *Guidance: Please describe the operation of the CoC system including details of the mass balance management and a list of established Product Groups.*

The End User accepts biomass in the form of wood chips from the only supplier Engie/Soven and uses it as biofuel to produce electricity and heat for Airbus. The biomass uses transfer system. Biomass is accepted with SBP-controlled claims alongside the SBP-REDII compliant claim. Each truck at the gate is visually inspected to determine the type of biomass, moisture level, weight and quality. The deliveries are registered in the database. In case of non-compliance of biomass with the negotiated characteristics a batch can be rejected.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Biomass End User's management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of specified SBP Standards are implemented across the entire scope of certification.

The scope of the evaluation covered:
- Review of the Organization's management procedures;
- Review of chain of custody critical control points;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations;
- GHG data collection analysis;
- RED system implementation.

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	**Auditors**	**Auditor hours**
1. Preparation	Yves Bouthillier	2.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Yves Bouthillier	2.5
3. Report writing	Yves Bouthillier	4.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Yves	Auditor	Yves is a Senior Forestry Specialist - Team Leader with Preferred by Nature (PbN) and a biologist with a specialization in conservation and environment and a master's degree in Earth Sciences. He has been working in the field of environmental certifications since 2014. Yves is qualified to audit the following standards: - FSC FM, CoC, CW - SBP - CoC for PEFC, SFI and RA SC

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

Although audits of energy producers are typically conducted on-site, in Engie's case, SBP has approved a hybrid approach where some of the sites are assessed remotely and others on-site for Engie Energy Producers audits. This remote audit is justified based on:

- All sites managed by Engie operate in a similar manner and use the same management system.
- All sites have a single supplier, SOVEN.
- All sites will use default GHG, just one installation might use actual data and this will be audited separately.
- No sourcing from far away (all material is from France, Spain or Germany depending on location of the site).
- The audit method alternates between remote and on-site audits, so that on-site audits take place during the certification cycle.

A limited assurance level is implemented and the sampling approach for this year was 0.8 * Square root (x), where x was the total number of Engie sites classified as low profile. As result 4 sites were evaluated on site and 12 site remote.

CH	***Audit method***
SBP-10-17	*Remote*
SBP-10-26	*Remote*

SBP-10-68 On site
SBP-13-54 Remote
SBP-10-64 Remote
SBP-10-60 Remote
SBP-10-35 On site
SBP-10-40 Remote
SBP-10-36 On site
SBP-10-62 Remote
SBP-10-33 Remote
SBP-10-37 On site
SBP-10-30 Remote
SBP-10-28 On site
SBP-10-29 Remote
SBP-10-25 Remote

CONSTELLATION UTILITES SERVICES audit was conducted on-site on February 6, 2026. The audit focused on the evaluation of the management system and its implementation: a division of the responsibilities, health and safety, record keeping, input material classification (reception and registration), energy and carbon data collection and communication, RED sustainability criteria evaluation.

During the opening meeting, the auditor was introduced, the certification scope was clarified, information about the audit plan, methodology, auditor qualification, confidentiality issues, assessment methodology, and other applicable Preferred by Nature policies and procedures was provided. During the opening meeting the company´s responsible persons were introduced as well as core data from the company was presented.

On the same date, interviews and documentation review for the applicable requirements of the SBP standards were conducted. During the process, the overall responsible person for the SBP system and other staff were interviewed. In the course of the audit, critical control points at the stage of biomass acceptance, dumping and storing were evaluated. Traceability documentation was reviewed, following a sampling by the auditor.

By the end of the on-site audit, findings were summarized, and preliminary audit conclusions were provided to the Organization's management and SBP responsible person. Following the audit, the auditor completed review of procedures and records that were requested during the audit to formalize conclusions. A good performance was found, and a positive certification decision was concluded at the closing meeting

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☒ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation
N/A - End user sourcing feedstock with SBP Claims only

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

A sampling has been implemented, based on the following criteria: • Review of procedures; • Review of training records; • Review of information related to suppliers; • Review of delivery documentation and cross-check with DTS; •

Interviews with staff to evaluate theoretical and practical experience of intended approaches implementation. The focus was on key responsible staff.

5.6 CB stakeholder engagement

☒ N/A – Certification Body stakeholder consultation not applicable for this evaluation

Guidance: Please specify the number and types of stakeholders engaged, method of engagement and its outcomes.

5.7 Stakeholder feedback and response

☒ N/A – Certification Body stakeholder consultation not applicable for this evaluation

5.8 Main strengths and weaknesses of the management system and operations

Strength:
- One supplier and clear mutual communications
- Small number of management staff and clearly designated procedures
- Support of an umbrella company
- Robust recordkeeping system, ensuring transparency

For weaknesses, see non-conformities section

5.9 Summary of evaluation activities for robustness of the Supply Base Evaluation

☒ N/A – Standard 1 not in the scope of the evaluation

5.10 Summary of evaluation activities for Processing residues and/or Post-consumer feedstock requirements per Standard 2 and EU RED

☒ N/A – processing residues and/or post-consumer feedstock not used.

5.11 Summary of evaluation activities for chain of custody system per Standard 4

Traceability documentation was reviewed, following a sampling by the auditor. Interviews were conducted, and on-site visit of feedstock unloading and storage bays.

5.12 Summary of evaluation activities for collection and communication of data per Standard 5

The End User collects information on energy and carbon from it's supplier via DTS and internal database (DDS system). These records inludes information on types of biomass, energy and carbon in the SAR and SREG documents, delivery records and other relevant data. The data is used to determine the option for the GHG criterion for biomass fuels and the methods of communication of savings.

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

In general a few management persons shares responsibilities for maintaining the management system, ensuring good
traceability and data communication. During the assessment the staff showed good knowledge of applicable

requirements and effective management of the areas of responsibility was demonstrated, The End User uses the support of an umbrella company and the only supplier - Engie / Soven.

5.14 Summary of audit findings for GHG methodology per Standard 6 (if applicable)

The Organization decides to use default values for GHG emission savings (a). The level of saving may vary depending on the feedstock types used by the biomass producers upstream the supply chain. The Organization demonstrated and explained the decision-making system to determine the savings values using Annex VI of the REDII.

6 Detailed evaluation of BP’s Supply Base Evaluation (if applicable)

☒ N/A – Supply Base Evaluation not in the scope of the evaluation

6.1 Overview of BP’s risk assessments and mitigation measures including EU RED scope

N/A

6.2 CB evaluation of specified risk indicators and mitigation measures