Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Preferred by Nature OÜ
Evaluation of ENGIE ENERGIE SERVICES - STERIMED

Second Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	14 Nov 2012
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-10-68
Date of certificate issue:	16 Apr 2024
Date of certificate expiry:	15 Apr 2029
Audit closing meeting date:	16 Mar 2026
Audit cycle:	Second 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):	Pilar Gorria
Date of decision:	19 Jun 2026
Other comments:	N/A

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

NC number 9079	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 Non-Conformity.	
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

2.2 Closed non-conformities

NC number 8944 copied from 5214	NC Grading: Minor
Standard:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0
Requirement:	1.4 The scope of the Organisation's CoC certification shall define the product types, the processes applied to these products (including subcontracting), the accounting methodology, and applicable SBP Standards. N/A N/A
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
The Organisation has defined in its procedure the applicable standards, but the Version 1 of standards is still mentioned (see Exh. S01).	
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:	Updated SBP procedure Discussion with staff
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	The new documentation lists the appropriate standards
NC Status:	Closed

NC number 8945 copied from 5215	NC Grading: Minor
Standard:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0
Requirement:	1.11 The Organisation shall ensure that: a. internal audits are conducted by personnel knowledgeable of the requirements of the Standard(s); b. internal auditors do not audit their own work; c. internal audit documentation includes at minimum the scope of the internal audit; names of the internal auditor(s), date, conclusion of the evaluation of the Organisation's conformance with SBP requirements, and any corrective actions and associated deadlines; and d. any non-conformances found during internal audits are recorded as corrective actions, and actions are taken in a timely and appropriate manner. N/A N/A
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
The Organisation conducted an internal audit (see Exh. S03). The findings of the internal audit are recorded. However, the internal auditor, Christelle Faget has also responsibilities in the certification system of the Organisation (see Exh. S04) and therefore should not audit its own work, according to 1.11 b.	
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:	Internal audit report Discussions with staff

Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	The Organisation conducted an internal audit. It was demonstrated that the internal auditor is not involved in the activities of the site. This NC is closed.
NC Status:	Closed

NC number 8946 copied from 5216	NC Grading: Minor
Standard:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0
Requirement:	1.14 The Organisation shall identify stakeholders, develop, implement, monitor, evaluate and adapt as necessary, a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) appropriate for their business operations and scope of certification. N/A N/A
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
The Organisation was not able to provide to the auditor a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) tailored to their business activities and the scope of certification as required by SBP requirements. This plan should comply with requirements 1.14 to 1.18 of SBP Standard 4 V2.	
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:	LEI-STRA-V0- Enjeux et PIP Discussions with staff
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	The Organisation created a SEP in conformance with requirements 1.14-1.1.7. NCR is closed
NC Status:	Closed

NC number 8947 copied from 5217	NC Grading: Minor
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
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
The Organisation does not document in its manual (Exh. S01) the steps required by SBP under requirement 1.20 for the management of non-conforming (deviant) products.	
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:	Non-conforming products are handled with the section 3.6 of SBP procedure Discussion with staff
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	The new version of the SBP manual of the company meets the requirements of this indicator. NCR is closed.
NC Status:	Closed

NC number 8948 copied from 5218	**NC Grading: Minor**
Standard:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0
Requirement:	1.24 The Organisation shall maintain an up-to-date self-assessment covering the implementation of 1.21, 1.22 and 1.23. N/A N/A
Description of Non-conformance and Related Evidence:	
Management committee meetings are held at regional, territorial and national level. Legal, regulatory and health and safety issues are dealt with at these meetings. However, the Organisation was not able to provide a documented and up-to-date self-assessment on the implementation of requirements 1.21 (compliance with laws and regulations), 1.22 (anti-corruption), and 1.23 (occupational health and safety).	
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:	Questionnaire SBP - ENGIE ESF Discussions with staff
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	The Organisation created a self-assessment for requirements 1.21, 1.22 and 1.23. This NC is closed.
NC Status:	Closed

2.3 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

None

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

NA

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
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	NA

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.

The EP is a biomass-fired cogeneration plant and a subsidiary of ENGIE supplies energy to adjacent facilities and neighbourhood. The EP is buying all feedstock as already SBP REDII-Compliant from its sister company ENGIE SOVEN. All feedstock purchased is consumed on site by the EP for its steam and energy production.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
STERIMED	Route de Ceret, 66110 Amélie les Bains	Energy producer	☒

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.

This Energie Producer (EP) doesn't have its own CoC system. This EP is managed by ENGIE Energie Solutions, the sister company of ENGIE/SOVEN, certified to PEFC (https://pefc.org/find- certified/details?cbResetParam=1&CID=C-1G7RDC&LID=L-C3MPUI&EID=E-XM9WN7) and SBP REDII compliant (https://sbp-cert.org/certificate-holders/#4783). All purchases received by the EP have been certified as SBP RED Compliant (compliant or controlled) by ENGIE/SOVEN. IT system is shared and as well as the management system. Management team of both organization meets regularly and certification updates are discussed.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Energy Producer'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	Lucas Schnapper	4.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Lucas Schnapper	8.0
3. Report writing	Lucas Schnapper	8.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Lucas Schnapper	Lead auditor	Forest engineer (AgroParisTech), Lucas is qualified as FSC FM/COC, PEFC COC and SBP auditor. He has experience in sustainable forest management and planning since 2015 and has participated in the preparation for the certification of forest companies in Congo and Gabon.

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

Although audits of energy producers are typically conducted on-site, in Engie's case, Energy Producers limited assurance regime is implemented due to its low risk profile. This includes remote audits and sampling regime.

Low risk is 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

ENGIE ENERGIE SERVICES 2026 audit was carried on-site on march 16th, 2026. The audit started with an opening meeting with attendance from the key staff (manager d'actifs, responsable de l'équipe, responsable santé sécurité, responsible de site). The schedule of the audit was discussed. Then the auditor proceeded by reviewing the evidence listed in Section 3.1 above, such as procedures, management system, accounts and records, SBP RED procedures, and interviews with key staff.
A visit of the EP site was conducted and responsible staff interviewed.
On the same day, the auditor and the BP's team did the closing meeting where the preliminary findings were presented and the next steps discussed.

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

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

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

Only 1 site in scope. On-site audit. The auditor has reviewed all procedures, management system, purchase account for the reporting period, requested sample of purchase documentation, completed interviews of key staff and reviewed satellite imagery of the facilities.

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 record keeping system, ensuring transparency

For weaknesses, see non-conformities.

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 procedures and documentation were reviewed, following a sampling by the auditor.

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 include information on types of biomass, energy and carbon in 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. This was reviewed during the audit.

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

Management persons shares responsibilities for maintaining the management system, ensure traceability and data communication. These persons are not all located on site, but they are in constant communication with the site director and personnel to ensure conformance to SBP REDII requirements. During the audit 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 RED.

According to the EEA (European Environmental Agency) Net greenhouse gas emissions of Land use, Land use change and Forestry (LULUCF) from 1990 to 2021 has been less than zero for all years in the EU. See reference here. Projections for the next period are also negative.

Calculations are recorded in excel data sheet.

These evidences were reviewed during the audit.

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