Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Control Union Certifications BV Evaluation of Hanwa Co., Ltd.

Third 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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Document history

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	27 May 2025
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-06-94
Date of certificate issue:	12 Jan 2024
Date of certificate expiry:	11 Jan 2029

Audit closing meeting date:	23 Jul 2026
Audit cycle:	Third 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):	Evaline Okumu
Date of decision:	17 Aug 2026
Other comments:	N/A

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

2.2 Closed non-conformities

2.3 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

N/A

2.4 Notes for the next Audit

N/A

3 Scope of the audit and SBP certificate

Scope item	Check all that apply to the Certificate scope
Primary activity	Trader
Secondary activity	
Approved Standards	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0; SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data v2.0; Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon data. v2.1; Instruction Document EU RED: Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 v2.0; Instruction Document Japan: Bridging Requirements for meeting Japanese sustainability, legality and GHG saving requirements v1.1 -
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) The Organization transfers groups based on input data from the supplier
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 1.1 Wood pellets, WB 2.5 Biocarbon
Feedstock origin (countries):	
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	Yes
Changes in the scope	- Added one outsourced warehouse. - Added one product (WB 2.5 Biocarbon)

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.

Hanwa Co. Ltd. is a global business enterprise with offices and subsidiaries They operate across 10 business groups spanning core steel business as well as metals and alloys, non-ferrous metals, food products, petroleum and chemicals, lumber, machinery and other businesses. They have been trading wood pellets under both PEFC and FSC certifications for many years and act as a trader with physical possession. They do not store or mix the material and use a transfer system. Relevant staff involved in trading, registration, execution, and invoicing have received training and were included in the audit.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
HANWA CO., LTD.	1-13-1 Tsukiji, 104-8429, Chuoku, Tokyo, Japan	Trading	☒
Dongbang Transportation Logistics Co.,Ltd.	692, Seohae-ro, Gunsan-si, Jeonbuk-do, Republic of Korea	Storage	☒

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.

Hanwa Co., Ltd. has obtained FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody certification. Moving forward, the company plans to operate as a wood pellet trader, physically holding and trading products. To this end, it has entered into an outsourcing agreement with Dongbang Transportation Logistics Co., Ltd. of South Korea. Dongbang Transportation Logistics Co., Ltd. will handle storage. To ensure the traceability of biomass, the company has implemented a delivery system within the scope of its certification. The latest documentation, including the SBP Manual, is in place, and staff involved in trading, management, COC management, and invoicing have received appropriate training and are fully aware of the importance of these processes.

4 Specific objective of the audit

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that Hanwa Co., Ltd.'s management system is capable of ensuring that all requirements of the specified SBP Standards are implemented across the entire scope of certification. The scope of the evaluation covered:
- Review of management procedures;
- Review of SBP system control points and an analysis of the existing FSC/PEFC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records and calculations.

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	**Auditors**	**Auditor hours**
1. Preparation	Yasuhiro Suzuki	2.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Yasuhiro Suzuki	8.0
3. Report writing	Yasuhiro Suzuki	3.0
4. Other	N/A	

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Yasuhiro Suzuki	Lead Auditor	Auditor with a forestry industry background of almost ten (10) years and a certification background of almost one years (2.5) for FSC/PEFC CoC. As for the SBP qualification, the SBP training was completed on 22/04/2024 and having successfully completed ISO 14001 Lead Auditor Training.

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

The audit consisted of a opening meeting to confirm the scope. The auditors also explained the methods they would employ during the audit. Following this introductory briefing, compliance with all relevant requirements of the applicable SBP standard was verified using report templates and checklists. An on-site audit was conducted at the warehouse to verify the method used to sort raw materials. The audit concluded with the preparation of the audit report and a discussion of the audit findings. Critical Control Points (CCPs) were evaluated, and it was confirmed that they were being managed appropriately.

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☒ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation
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5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

All applicable documents and procedures were reviewed.

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

The evaluation of the organization's adherence to the Standard 4 and 5 criteria revealed a good level of compliance. Evidence was furnished to substantiate compliance, as a result there were no Non Conformities were found. The organization's possession of a FSC/GGL Chain of Custody system is viewed as a primary strength in terms of its conformity to the SBP standards.

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

All the requirements of standard 4 CoC were evaluated. The organization has FSC and PEFC CoC system and have implemented well the version 2 of the standards.

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

The organization ensures the accuracy and entirety of incoming documentation, which is then relayed to their customers. The organization transmits to its customers the energy use data obtained from its suppliers, accompanied by the production of the relevant SREG as and when necessary

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

All personnel engaged with SBP have undergone appropriate training that covers all relevant procedures and requirements. The personnel responsible for SBP have demonstrated a solid comprehension of the SBP certification requirements and the existing FSC/PEFC/GGL CoC system. Given the company's size, there were no identified risks associated with the competence of the personnel involved.

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

☒ N/A – Standard 6 not in the scope

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