Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Preferred by Nature OÜ Evaluation of Biomass Fuel Co., Ltd.

NCR-verification audit

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1 Overview

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Date of installation:	
SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-08-90
Date of certificate issue:	08 May 2023
Date of certificate expiry:	07 May 2028
Audit closing meeting date:	27 Oct 2026
Audit cycle:	NCR-verification 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:	27 Oct 2026
Other comments:	N/A

2.2 Open non-conformities and observations

2.3 Closed non-conformities

NC number 9093 copied from 7105	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:	
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:	Written response on the NCR; Updated SBP Manual.
Findings for Evaluation of Evidence:	The Organization stated that the incomplete description of the certification scope resulted from insufficient adaptation of the SBP Manual during transition to Version 2 requirements. Section 4 of the SBP Manual was revised and retitled "Business Integrity," expanding its coverage beyond OHAS-related topics. The Organization included reference to requirements under Indicators 1.21–1.23 and added a commitment to conduct regular self-assessments to evaluate effectiveness of implemented measures. Future reviews of the SBP Manual will ensure that all relevant requirements are included, and internal audits will verify that the self-assessment is developed and maintained. Although the relevant section of the SBP Manual was updated, the self-assessment document itself has not yet been developed or provided for review. Therefore, the NCR remains open pending submission and verification of the self-assessment. Following initial review of the NCR, the Organization provided self-assessment covering aspects relevant to legal, anticorruption and OHAS. Actions taken by the Organization are considered sufficient to close the NCR.
NC Status:	Closed

2.4 Actions taken by Organisation Prior to Report Finalisation

The Organization provided root cause analysis, corrective actions and mitigation measures to close NCR 7105 remains open though.

2.5 Notes for the next Audit

No additional notes. Please refer to the NCR section.

3 Specific objective of the audit

Non-conformity (NCR) verification audits are conducted outside the normally scheduled audit timeframe to verify conformity with outstanding NCRs. The objective is to evaluate the evidence provided by the certificate holder.

4 Evaluation process

4.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	**Auditors**	**Auditor hours**
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Mikhail Rai	0.5
3. Report writing	Mikhail Rai	0.5

4.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Mikhail Rai	Audit Team Leader	Mikhail is a Senior Programme Technical Lead at Preferred by Nature, leading PBN SFC, SURE and GPSNR, with expertise in sustainability certification and assurance across forest management, biomass, land use, supply chains, due diligence and GHG calculations. As a senior international auditor he has participated in hundreds evaluations worldwide against schemes including PBN SFC, SBP, SURE, GPSNR, FSC™ and PEFC. Mikhail holds a BSc in Forestry and an MSc in Hospitality (Sustainable Tourism).

4.3 Description of evaluation activities

The non-conformity verification audit was carried out as a remote, desk audit. The aim of the audit is to evaluate the corrective actions conducted by BP to rectify the identified non-conformities.
For this purpose, the auditor reviewed the documentary evidence submitted by the Organization.
Field evaluations were not planned and were not carried out.