NEPCon OÜ Evaluation of Perpetual Next Carbon Products B.V. Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

Main (Initial) Audit

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1 Overview

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SBP Certificate Code:	SBP-08-58
Date of certificate issue:	08 Nov 2021
Date of certificate expiry:	07 Nov 2026

Audit closing meeting date:	18 Oct 2021
Audit cycle:	Main (Initial) Audit

2 Scope of the evaluation and SBP certificate

Scope Item	Check all that apply to the Certificate Scope	Change in scope (N/A for Assessments)
Primary Activity:	Trader	☐
Approved Standards:	SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody; SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data Instruction; Instruction Document 5E: Collection and Communication of Energy and Carbon Data 1.5	☐
Includes Supply Base Evaluation (SBE):	No	☐
Includes communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability Data (DBSD)	No	☐
Includes Group Scheme	No	☐
Products	Pellets	☐

Feedstock types:	N/A	☐
Feedstock origin (countries):	N/A	☐
SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: **Public link:** **https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/risk-assessments/**	Not applicable	☐
Chain of custody system implemented:	FSC: FSC Certificate: NC-COC-066871 PEFC Certificate: NC-PEFC/COC-066871	☐
	Transfer	☐

2.1 Description of the company

‘’Perpetual Next Carbon Products B.V.“ is a newly established trading company. The purpose of the company is to become a financial partner for the torrefied pellets that are produced by “Baltania” OÜ in Estonia. At the moment the company is only planning to sell the “Baltania” produced pellets with the same Incoterms (2020) as they were purchased. For this main assessment storage or transport of biomass is not included in SBP scope.

2.2 Detailed description of the Chain of Custody system

Organization works as a trader without physical possession. Control system used is based on FSC COC transfer system. Claims received can be FSC Mix Credit, FSC Controlled Wood, 100% PEFC Certified or PEFC Controlled Sources. Organization has not operate with any storage or outsourcing under its scope.

3 Specific objective

The specific objective of this evaluation was to confirm that the Biomass Trader'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 Biomass Trader's management procedures;

· Review of FSC and PEFC system control points, analysis of the existing FSC and PEFC CoC system;

· Interviews with responsible staff;

· Review of the records and calculations

· GHG data collection analysis;

4 Evaluation process

4.1 Timing of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	***Auditors***	**Auditor hours**
1. Preparation	Pilar Gorría	2,0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Pilar Gorría	4,0
3. Report writing	Pilar Gorría	3,0
4. Other	N/A	N/A

Audit Schedule			
Activity	**Location**	**Auditor name**	**Date/time**
Opening meeting	Remote	PGS	18 Oct 2021/9:00
Interview with the SBP and CoC responsible person; review of procedure	Remote	PGS	18 Oct 2021/9:15
Interview with Purchasing department	Remote	PGS	18 Oct 2021/10.30
Finance and sales	Remote	PGS	18 Oct 2021/11:30

department			
Storage, shiping, labelins, DTS balances	Remote	PGS	18 Oct 2021/13:00
Energy data collection	Remote	PGS	18 Oct 2021/14:00
Closing meeting	Remote	PGS	18 Oct 2021/14:30

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Pilar Gorría - PGS	Lead auditor	Pilar Gorría Serrano Forest engineer (Pplitecnic Univ. Of Madrid). Has successfully completed SBP training course and the NEPCon Lead auditor training for FSC/PEFC CoC and FM certification. Has experience from forest certification (FSC / PEFC FM), traceability (FSC / PEFC CoC) and biomass certification (SBP - Sustainable Biomass Program) for more than 10 years. Lead auditor and responsible for all audit processes.

4.2 Description of evaluation activities

Audit team leader introduced herself, provided information about audit plan, methodology and aim of the evaluation. CB's accreditation related issues and confidentiality issues were covered as well.

After that auditor went trough all applicable requirements of evaluation standards and instruction documents. During the process, main responsible persons for SBP system was interviewed as well as relevant documentes reviewed. The CCP points, identification of the material, management of purchase and sales were evaluated. GHG reporting and DTS managment were also reviewed.

During the closing meeting audit team leader explained the results of the audit and further actions were discussed.

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4.3 Sampling methodology

All responsible staff particated in the assessment and were interviewed according to their responsibilities. All process within the scope of trading without physical possession were also reviewed. No actual SBP activity was evaluated as no purchases or sales have been done by the organization before the assessment.

4.4 CB stakeholder engagement

Not applicable

4.5 Stakeholder feedback

Not applicable

5 Results

5.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

Main strengths: Simple and transparent supply chains; FSC, PEFC and SBP management systems have been developed and implemented by staff.

Main weaknesses: Not identified

5.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

Not applicable

5.3 Collection and communication of data

Organisation explained that they expect that biomass producers will most likely be supplying biomass at CIF Incoterms or FOB conditions; the biomass then will be sold to customer on board of the vessel upon its acceptance. Therefore, the biomass will be in Organisation's ownership during the very limited time, and most likely, no energy use will occur during that time. However, Organisation claimed that in case of delivery conditions changing, if any energy use occur, they will collect and register relevant data.

5.4 Competency of involved personnel

The SBP responsible staff has shown good understanding of the requirements in relation to SBP certification and FSC & PEFC CoC system.

6 Review of company's risk assessments

6.1 Overview of company's risk assessments and mitigation measures

Not applicable

6.2 Specified risk indicators and mitigation measures

Country/Area	Indicator	Specified risk description	Mitigation measure
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

7 Non-conformities and observations

N/A

8 Certification decision

Based on the auditor's recommendation and the Certification Body's quality review, the following certification decision is taken:	
Certification decision:	Certification approved
Certification decision by (name of the person):	Olesja Puiso
Date of decision:	28 Oct 2021
Other comments:	N/A