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Evaluation of Gairelita UAB

First Surveillance Audit

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1 Overview

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Date of certificate issue:	04 Mar 2026
Date of certificate expiry:	03 Mar 2031
Audit closing meeting date:	08 Oct 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:	12 Nov 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

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	Biomass Producer
Secondary activity	
Approved Standards	SBP Standard 2: Feedstock Verification v2.0; SBP Standard 4: Chain of Custody v2.0; SBP Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data v2.0; Instruction Document EU RED: Bridging Requirements for Meeting the Directive EU/2023/2413 v2.0; 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 1.1 Wood pellets
Feedstock origin (countries):	Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Norway, Sweden, Finland
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	No

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.

BP is a biomass producer with a production site situated in Radviliskis, Lithuania. BP is sourcing secondary feedstock for its production. Pellets are produced from sawmill residuals (chips, sawdust and shavings). The pellets could be sold as SBP compliant by bulk. The suppliers from Latvian and Lithuanian deliver feedstock; however, the place of harvesting of the secondary feedstock is originating from not only Latvia and Lithuania, but also Estonia, Norway, Sweden and Finland. All feedstock is delivered to the pellet plant by road transport. BP is using its own transport, so the information about the producer is available and is trustworthy. Incoming feedstock is either FSC certified, PEFC certified, FSC Controlled Wood from FSC certified CHs. The feedstock is coming with FSC or PEFC claim. Origin information is kept, and origin information access agreements are signed with feedstock suppliers. As a part of the Origin Verification program BP is conducting regular supplier audits and requesting its suppliers to sign origin declaration agreements. The BP is implementing FSC credit system although all claims are separated physically. The amount of the biomass produced according to FSC credit system might be sold as SBP-compliant. After the production, pellets are stored in BP's facilities and then loading into the buyer's transport. Sales are done based on the FOB, DAP or EXW sales conditions.

3.2 Site details

Legal entity name	Address	Site Activity	Visited during the audit
UAB Gairelita	Zironu st. 12, LT-82143 Radviliskis, Lithuania	Biomass 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.

The Organisation holds valid FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody certificates. Valid FSC and PEFC system descriptions and procedural documents are maintained. The Organisation implements separate FSC and PEFC credit systems to account for inputs received as FSC certified, PEFC certified, or FSC Controlled Wood. All feedstock is delivered by FSC and PEFC certified suppliers with corresponding certification claims, and an up-to-date supplier list is maintained. The BP was initially FSC assessed in July 2015. Upon reception, incoming feedstock is unloaded into designated separate piles according to material type and registered in the recordkeeping system. For SBP mass balance management and credit accounting, the volume of incoming feedstock is converted into sawdust equivalent and subsequently into metric tons using established conversion factors and recalculation coefficients. FSC and PEFC raw materials are kept physically separated, and their respective credit accounts are maintained independently. The credit accounts and SBP mass balance register are updated on a monthly basis with raw material receipts and sales of pellets carrying SBP claims. In case of FSC, PEFC, and/or SBP sales, the sold volume of wood pellets is deducted directly from the corresponding credit balance. Under the CoC system, the established product group is wood pellets, and for SBP certification, the scope and credit accounts specifically cover industrial wood pellets.

4 Specific objective of the audit

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

The Organisation holds valid FSC Chain of Custody PBN-COC-022964 certificate covering wood pellet production. FSC and PEFC credit system is used for materials received as FSC certified and PEFC certified. Feedstock from Latvia and Lithuania is delivered by FSC and PEFC certified suppliers. Supplier list is maintained. Number of suppliers is 19. After the reception, incoming feedstock is unloaded into piles according to type of feedstock and load is registered into the recordkeeping system. All data is maintained in the recordkeeping system of the Organisation. The product group for both FSC CoC and SBP certifications includes industrial wood pellets.

5 Evaluation process

5.1 Timing and duration of evaluation activities

Audit Level of Effort (LoE)		
Activity	**Auditors**	**Auditor hours**
1. Preparation	Povilas Misierauskas	2.0
2. On-site (excl. travel time)	Povilas Misierauskas	8.0
3. Report writing	Povilas Misierauskas	8.0
4. Other	Eliza Puncule	6.0

5.2 Auditor team qualification

Auditor qualification		
Auditor name	**Role**	**Qualification**
Povilas Misierauskas	Lead auditor	P. Misierauskas is NEPCon certification manager (auditor – apprentice). P. Misierauskas hold Bachelor degree in Ecology and Environment and Master in Forest Ecology. He graduated from the Lithuanian University of Agriculture. Mr Misierauskas taught laboratory work to Forest Ecology faculty dendrology discipline's students Forest Ecology faculty, implemented planting and green space inventory. He assessed green areas in 22 town and region municipalities. P. Misierauskas has a lot of experience in assessing preserved trees, identifying their state and value and implementing dendrological (decorative trees and bushes) expertise. He has been working as certification manager at NEPCon since 2013. Completed SBP auditor training course and acquired SBP auditor qualification in 2020.
Eliza Puncule	Team member	Studied at the Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies in the Bachelor's degree program in Forest Science. Previous work experience is related to forestry. Gained both practical and theoretical skills working as a forester and cartographer at the State Forest Service for 2 years. After that, worked for a year as a forest property valuation specialist at SIA Latio, as well as two years as a forest property appraiser and auction organizer at SIA "Forest Mentor Group"

5.3 Description of evaluation activities

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The audit was focused on management system evaluation: division of the responsibilities, document and system, input material classification (reception and registration), analysis of the existing FSC and PEFC system and

FSC/PEFC system control points as well as GHG data availability. In addition, the requirements of REDII bridging documents were checked.
Description of the audit:
September 25 - October 8, 2026.
Auditor was welcomed in UAB Gairelita office in Radviliškis. Auditors started with an opening meeting attended by Quality manager. Auditor provided information about audit plan, methodology, auditor qualification, confidentiality issues, auditing methodology and clarified the audit scope.
During the audit, the auditor evaluated existing production. After that auditor went through all applicable requirements of the SBP standards No. 2, 4, 5, existing chain of custody and management system, CoC, record keeping / mass balance requirements, emission, energy data, and categorization of input and verification of SBP compliant feedstock/ biomass. In addition, RED III requirements focusing on mass balance and waste and residues requirements were checked. During the process, overall responsible person for SBP system and over responsible staff having key responsibilities within the system were interviewed.
After a roundtrip around BP's pellet production was undertaken. During the site tour applicable records were reviewed, production staff was interviewed. Also 1 Lithuanian supplier was verified and inspected (supplier 1, 2 and 3). At the end of the day the preliminary results were presented.
During the supplier audit, auditor observed the audit methodology of the supplier audits conducted by the BP team. For sampling details see the finding 1.4 Appendix A. In addition, the REDIII requirements were checked, mass balance system was analyzed, the responsible staff was interviewed. At the end the preliminary results were presented.
October 8, 2026
Two local suppliers from Latvia (supplier 4 and supplier 5) were visited and inspected. During the supplier audits, auditor observed the audit methodology of supplier audits conducted by the BP team. For sampling details see the finding 1.4 Appendix A.

5.4 List of forest management units and feedstock suppliers visited

☐ N/A – No forest sites or suppliers visited during this evaluation

Site name
Supplier 1 (Lithuania)
Site location
Vadokliu str. 26 Ramygala, Panevezio reg. LT-38254, Lithuania
Site description
Secondary producer
Rationale and focus of visit
SBP/REDIII inspection
Description of audit activity
It is the secondary producer supplying the sawdust to UAB Gairelita. During the supplier list, origin documentation and on site inspection no issues were identified.

Site name

Supplier 2 (Lithuania)
Site location
Dariaus ir Gireno st. 7, LT-99132 Silute, Lithuania
Site description
Secondary producer
Rationale and focus of visit
SBP/REDIII inspection
Description of audit activity
It is the secondary producer supplying the sawdust to UAB Gairelita. During the supplier list, origin documentation and on site inspection no issues were identified.

Site name
Supplier 3 (Lithuania)
Site location
Birzu st. 1A, Kiluciu vil., LT-41103 Birzai distr., Lithuania
Site description
Secondary producer
Rationale and focus of visit
SBP/REDIII inspection
Description of audit activity
It is the sawmill supplying sawdust to UAB Gairelita. During the audit the supplier list, origin documentation inspected, no issues identified.

Site name
Supplier 4 (Latvia)
Site location
Granīta street 24, Rumbula, Stopiņi Municipality, LV-2119, Latvia
Site description
Secondary producer
Rationale and focus of visit
SBP/REDIII supplier verification
Description of audit activity
The company is certified according to the FSC and PEFC certification schemes. Purchases: Softwood roundwood (pine and spruce). Roundwood is purchased from Latvia, Lithuania, and Norway. In Latvia, roundwood is purchased with FSC, PEFC, and FSC Controlled Wood claims, while from the other countries, it is purchased only with FSC and PEFC claims. The company sells only sawdust generated during its production process. Sawdust is sold with FSC and PEFC claims. A credit account is maintained.

Site name
Supplier 5 (Latvia)
Site location
Rīga, Bulļu street 74, LV-1067, Latvia
Site description
Secondary producer
Rationale and focus of visit
SBP/REDIII supplier verification
Description of audit activity
The company is PEFC certified. Purchases conifer sawn timber (pine, spruce); no roundwood or other types of material were observed on site. Suppliers from Finland, Sweden, and Estonia. Sawdust is sold only to Gairelita.

5.5 Describe audit sampling methodology used

Production facilities were checked without any exclusion. Reviewing of documents was based on sampling approach - several months were randomly selected (waybills and invoices for the selected months). All responsible personnel was interviewed. The auditor applied following sampling method for supplier audits – 0.8 x √z (where z (19) is number of suppliers) and visited 5 suppliers.

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.

After the audit, but during the period of preparation of the report, the Company has prepared / updated the list of SH as well as information to be provided and send the mass email to all stakeholders. The mass email was sent on 24 September with deadline for comments and feedback from stakeholders by 23 October. During this period and before the finalization of the report, no comments were received from SH.

5.7 Stakeholder feedback and response

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

None.

5.8 Main strengths and weaknesses of the management system and operations

Main strengths: all processes have been well documented; main database for material balances is well maintained and all relevant information can be reported.
Weaknesses: no weaknesses identified.

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

UAB Gairelita implements a supplier verification and monitoring system covering all providers of secondary feedstock (processing residues). Each supplier is registered with details including name, address, type (e.g. sawmill), feedstock category, and FSC / PEFC certification status. All suppliers are required to sign a self-declaration confirming that the feedstock qualifies as processing residues in accordance with RED and SBP definitions and contains no primary material. The company collects supporting evidence such as invoices with claim codes, and feedstock origin data, check FSC / PEFC certificates information. Three Lithuanian and two Latvian suppliers field verification were conducted together with SH. Others based on sample formula were done as desk -based. No issues have been identified.

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

During the audit, a valid CoC system description and other documents associated with FSC CoC and PEFC CoC certification was reviewed. Critical control points of the CoC system were evaluated also during SBP audit. The Company has a Chain of Custody system where they have implemented a Mass Balance system for SBP and RED III requirements. In case there would be any non-compliant material it would be kept physically separated in the harvest/chipping/storage site. For RED III scope, the Company implements a mass balance system with 3 months balancing period.

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

BP has a system to gather and record Greenhouse Gas emissions. During the audit, BP made detailed overview of the systems and databases to gather and record such data. Evidence was provided to auditors.

5.13 Summary of audit findings for competency of involved personnel

The SBP responsible person was supported by external consultant who was closely involved in helping to set up and maintain the management system. The SBP responsible staff has shown good understanding of the requirements in relation to SBP certification and of the FSC CoC system. Overall responsible person has all required competences, education and work experience from timber and industry sector, but these requirements are not described in procedures. According to interviews, review of biomass producer quality manager's CV and set of procedures and documents that were composed for the SBP system, auditors evaluated the competency of main responsible staff to be sufficient.

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