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Supply Base Report: Basic Timber Company

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1 Overview

Producer name: Basic Timber Company Ltd.
Producer location: Brest region, Ivacevichi district, Belarus
Geographic position: 52.917033, 25.456063
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Company website: <http://basictimber.com>
Date report finalised: 31/Dec/2015
Close of last CB audit: 25/Feb/2016
Name of CB: NEPCon UAB
Translations from English: Yes
SBP Standard(s) used: Standard 2 v1.0
 Standard 4 v1.0
 Standard 5 v1.0
Weblink to Standard(s) used: <http://www.sustainablebiomasspartnership.org/documents>
SBP Endorsed Regional Risk Assessment: Not applicable
Weblink to SBE on Company website: <http://basictimber.com/en/index.php>

Indicate how the current evaluation fits within the cycle of Supply Base Evaluations				
Main (Initial) Evaluation	First Surveillance	Second Surveillance	Third Surveillance	Fourth Surveillance
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2 Description of the Supply Base

2.1 General description

In order to produce wood pellets, “Basic Timber Company” Ltd. uses wood residue from production (shaves after wood rounding) and chips from FSC certified sawmills which are based in Brest and Grodno regions of Belarus.

All volume of raw materials to be used is certified: 78 % - FSC certified raw materials and 22 % - PEFC certified raw materials.

Roundwood used in production by “Basic Timber Company Ltd.” and other suppliers is delivered only from forests of the Republic of Belarus.

Geographical location of the resource warehouse of “Basic Timber Company Ltd.” – territory of the Republic of Belarus.

Forest fund in Belarus includes forest covered area, as well as other area that is intended for the needs of forestry, and occupies 9.5 million hectares – 8.7 million hectares of this area is covered by forest. Woodenness of the Republic of Belarus is 39.3 %

As a result of purposeful work in reforestation, area covered by forest is increasing. Expansion happens both naturally and is facilitated by afforestation of infertile land that is not suitable for agriculture. In Belarus, at the same time with the increase of total area of forest fund, also regular increase of new (22.8 %), mature and overgrown plantations (12.5 %) can be observed. Total stock of wood is 1714 million cubic metres, including mature and overgrown plantations – 263 million cubic metres.

The average age of plantations – 54 years.

Distribution of forests by dominant species:

- pine – 50.4 %;
- spruce–9.2 %;
- birch – 23.1 %;
- black alder – 3.3 %;
- grey alder – 3.3 %;
- aspen – 2.1%;
- other species – 3.3 %.

Source: <http://www.mlh.by> , 2015.

Forest management

Forest in the Republic of Belarus is exclusively state's property. The Republic of Belarus carries out maintenance, usage and management of the forests via authorized institutions of forest management; the main functions of these institutions are management and usage of the forests. In accordance with the Forest Code, institutions of forest management are obliged to carry out measures of forest management according to legislation on forest and nature protection and to ensure compliance with the requirements of legislation on usage, protection, defence and replanting of the forests and protection of the environment.

Forest usage

Forest usage in Belarus is realized according to the principle of continuity and sustainability. Average annual volume of the produced wood is approximately 11 million cubic metres per year, including:

- final cutting– 34.5 %;
- thinning and sanitary cutting – 45.79 %;
- other types of cutting– 19.62 %.

Allowable cut is applied at the amount of 70-80 %.

Source: <http://www.mlh.by> .

Biological diversity

Belarus is a signatory of the CITES Convention since 1995. Requirements of CITES are respected in forestry, although, in Belarus, there are no species included in the lists of CITES.

Annual reforestation is carried out over an area of 32 000 hectares, including 81 % of forest planting and 19 % of natural regeneration. <http://belstat.gov.by/> (2015)

In the territory of Belarus, two state reserves – Berezinsky Biosphere Reserve (85.2 thousands hectares) and Polesie State Radioecological Reserve (216.1 thousands hectares) and four national parks –Bialowieza Forest (152.962 thousands hectares), Braslav Lakes (69.115 thousands hectares),national parks “Narochansky” (93.3 thousands hectares) and “Pripyatsky” (85 841 thousands hectares).

Forest and community

In 2014, all kinds of cuttings provided 12.5 million cubic metres of marketable timber.

Positive balance of external trade was 104 million USA dollars. 1.9 million cubic meters of round timber and 191 800 cubic meters of sawn timber were sold abroad. Forest industry makes 1.1 % in GDP of the state.

In 2014, forest products and services were exported to 25 states, including 4.7 % – to near countries and 95.3 % –to remote countries. Among the main forest export directions, leaders are: Poland (47.9 % of the total export volume in terms of value), Germany (11.4 %), Lithuania (10 %), Latvia (8.62%), the Netherlands (3.3 %), Belgium (3.46 %) and Sweden (3.25 %).

Certification

Forest certification in the Republic of Belarus is carried out according to the requirements of international scheme of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and within the framework of forest certification system of National confirmation of conformity system which is approved by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). According to the standards of FSC, 6.8 million hectares (81 forestry unit) are certified. Conversely, according to the scheme of PEFC, 8.1 million hectares of forest fund (95 forestry units) are certified. Both FSC and PEFC systems have found their way in Belarus.

2.2 Actions taken to promote certification amongst feedstock supplier

For the production of SBP pellets are mostly used FSC 100% certified totally 78% and PEFC 100% totally 22% supplier material (totally 100% volume is certified). The company policy is to give a preference to certified suppliers. Raw material (sawdust, consists of wood waste from main production of suppliers. Therefore, uncertified and new suppliers are invited to certify their base production and get benefit from residues.

2.3 Final harvest sampling programme

Not applicable.

2.4 Flow diagram of feedstock inputs showing feedstock type

Coniferous species – 100% (Sawdust, Chips),

Wood species: Picea abies (L.) H. Karst.); Pinus sylvestris (L.); Quantification of the Supply Base

2.5 Quantification of the Supply Base

Supply Base

- a. Total Supply Base area (ha): 9,5 million (ha): Cumulative area of all forest types within SB.
- b. Tenure by type (ha): Government 9,5 million / ha.
- c. Forest by type (ha): Boreal 9,5 million ha
- d. Forest by management type (ha): Managed Natural 9,5, million ha
- e. Certified forest by scheme (ha): 6,8 million ha FSC and 8,1 million/ ha PEFC-certified forest

Feedstock

- f. Total volume of feedstock: 12682,4 Tones
- g. Volume of primary feedstock: 0 m³
- h. List percentage of primary feedstock (g) by the following categories. Subdivide by SBP approved Forest Management Schemes:

- Large forest holdings certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes
- i. List all species in primary feedstock, including scientific name:
Picea abies (L.) H. Karst.); Pinus sylvestris (L.);
- j. Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest: 0 m³
- k. List percentage of primary feedstock from primary forest (i) by the following categories. Subdivide by SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes:
 - Primary feedstock from primary forest certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes: Not applicable
 - Primary feedstock from primary forest not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes: Not applicable
- l. Volume of secondary feedstock: 16138 m³ SAWDUST (Sawmill residue) feedstock as production waste from internal processing and other FSC and (PEFC certified producers come from Belorussia.
Species: Picea abies (L.) H. Karst.); Pinus sylvestris (L.);
- m. Volume of secondary feedstock: Not applicable
- n. Volume of tertiary feedstock: Not applicable

3 Requirement for a Supply Base Evaluation

SBE completed	SBE not completed
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SBE not applicable, as all the raw materials 100% come from certified FSC and PEFC forest.

4 Supply Base Evaluation

4.1 Scope

Not applicable.

4.2 Justification

Not applicable.

4.3 Results of Risk Assessment

Not applicable.

4.4 Results of Supplier Verification Programme

Not applicable.

4.5 Conclusion

Not applicable.

5 Supply Base Evaluation Process

Not applicable.

6 Stakeholder Consultation

Not applicable.

6.1 Response to stakeholder comments

Not applicable.

7 Overview of Initial Assessment of Risk

Not applicable.

8 Supplier Verification Programme

8.1 Description of the Supplier Verification Programme

Not applicable.

8.2 Site visits

Not applicable.

8.3 Conclusions from the Supplier Verification Programme

Not applicable.

9 Mitigation Measures

9.1 Mitigation measures

Not applicable.

9.2 Monitoring and outcomes

Not applicable.

10 Detailed Findings for Indicators

Not applicable.

11 Review of Report

11.1 Peer review

The final version of the report was submitted to the Forestry and forest-environment processes to engage professionals. The report was reviewed for peer review to the Republican Lesoprmyshlennuyu Association.

No comments on the report

11.2 Public or additional reviews

The Russian version of the report is available on the company's website <http://basictimber.com> for public inspection of all interested parties. After reading all the interested parties can send their comments, if any, at the company production@basictimber.com.

12 Approval of Report

Approval of Supply Base Report by senior management			
Report Prepared by:	<i>Natallia Shymanchyk</i>	<i>Sales Manager</i>	<i>30.12.2015</i>
	Name	Title	Date
<p>The undersigned persons confirm that I/we are members of the organisation’s senior management and do hereby affirm that the contents of this evaluation report were duly acknowledged by senior management as being accurate prior to approval and finalisation of the report.</p>			
Report approved by:	<i>Boris Popko</i>	<i>Director of Company</i>	<i>30.12.2015.</i>
	Name	Title	Date

13 Updates

Not applicable.

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