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Supply Base Report: LJR Forest Products

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1 Overview

Producer name: LJR Forest Products
 Producer location: 1377 Old Nunez Rd. Swainsboro, Georgia 30401
 Geographic position: 32°31'45"N 82°20'35"W
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 Date report finalised: 28/Mar/2016
 Close of last CB audit: None. Initial certification
 Name of CB: NSF-ISR
 Translations from English: As appropriate
 SBP Standard(s) used: Standard 1 version 1.0, Standard 2 version 1.0, Standard 4 version 1.0, Standard 5 Version 1.0
 Web link to Standard(s) used: <http://www.sustainablebiomasspartnership.org/documents>
 SBP Endorsed Regional Risk Assessment: 'not applicable'
 Web link to SBE on Company website: not applicable

Indicate how the current evaluation fits within the cycle of Supply Base Evaluations				
Main (Initial) Evaluation	First Surveillance	Second Surveillance	Third Surveillance	Fourth Surveillance
X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2 Description of the Supply Base

2.1 General description

LJR Forest Products' wood pellet production plant is located in Swainsboro, Georgia. The facility sources from a largely rural area where forestry and agriculture (e.g. forests, crops, and cattle) are prevalent and are the primary sources of income for workers and the local communities. The supply base consist of pine forests in the Piedmont, South Atlantic Coastal Plain and Mid-Atlantic Coastal Plain Regions. No hardwoods are sourced. A map of the procurement area is included in the Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) and Risk Assessment (RA) as an Appendix, and is available upon request.

The SBE and RA include most of Georgia and the adjacent counties in Western South Carolina. LJR Forest Products pellet mill is an important market for low grade and low valued fiber products. Utilized as wood pellets, this otherwise low valued and marginal material contributes to the increased use of renewable energy and serves to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

LJR Forest Products does not own forest land and does not decide what forests to harvests, is not engaged in the harvesting or forest management activities and does not have responsibility for direct wood procurement. All softwood fiber is supplied to the pellet mill by primary sawmills. Thus, LJR Forest Products is considered an Indirect and Secondary Producer that can indirectly influence forest management, but cannot control how the forests are managed and how they are harvested. Land management and harvesting decisions are made by private family forest owners, in the context of U.S. Federal and State laws, regulations and State administered Best Management Practices for water quality and beneficial use protection.

The States of Georgia and South Carolina have large and well-funded State Forestry Commissions that administer a comprehensive set of programs including: landowner outreach and extension, forest inventory and analysis, forest fire and pest prevention, BMP implementation and monitoring, smoke management planning and scheduling, forest resource and wildlife assessments and action plans, and other forest sustainability programs.

LJR Forest Products' influence is through policies, supply contracts and periodic monitoring of suppliers. The use of sawmill residuals provides an important market for low valued wood products that improves forest health conditions, minimizes fuels that contribute to wildfire, reduces site preparation costs, facilitates prompt reforestation and establishment of forest cover and provides the landowner with an economic incentive to keep their land in forest production.

The SBE focuses on the potential wood supply area of its residual softwood suppliers. All fiber material is sourced according to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and PEFC Chain of Custody & Controlled Wood Standards and are considered an "SBP-approved Controlled Feedstock". The additional SBE evaluation addresses each of the Biomass Feedstock Indicators, documents the Objective Evidence of Conformance, and assigns each Indicator with the appropriate "Risk" rating.

LJR Forest Products has not modified or adjusted the Indicators contained in Standard # 1. LJR Forest Products is, in all cases, two or more contracts removed from the Forest Management Unit (FMU). The verifiers or evidence of conformance have been developed to meet the requirements of Federal and State laws, State BMPs, and the requirements of the FSC and PEFC Standards. The verifiers contained in the SBE represent objective evidence of conformance that have been audited by an independent Certification Bodies accredited to conduct audits to the above Standards. Independent audits have involved stakeholder consultations and have provided feedback that the verifiers are appropriate and acceptable evidence of conformance to the FSC, PEFC and SBP Standards.

Existing certifications include FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood/Due Diligence System Standards. These certifications help to ensure "Low Risk" of sourcing controversial or uncontrolled fiber. The company's existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and "Contract Provisions" contribute to the finding of Low Risk for all Standard # 1 Indicators. Thus, all wood pellet outputs are considered "SBP-compliant Biomass" and "EUTR-compliant Biomass."

LJR Forest Products does not utilize feedstock from any CITES species within the procurement region. A list of commonly sourced pine species is contained in the Tree Species List in the Controlled Wood Risk Assessment.

2.2 Actions taken to promote certification amongst feedstock supplier

All of the LJR Forest Products' softwood fiber inputs are sourced from indirect suppliers. All fiber material is sourced according to the FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood Standards and is considered at least "controlled material," which provides evidence that it is Low Risk of Illegality and unsustainability.

Formal correspondence is sent to the suppliers with a Wood Purchase Agreement specifying conditions and requirements to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, implementation of water quality BMPs and the use of trained loggers.

LJR Forest Products is a member of the Georgia Forestry Association and the South-eastern Wood Products Association that promote forest certification and provide technical information to landowners addressing water quality BMPs, reforestation, visual quality protection, efficient utilization, protection of wildlife and biodiversity, control of invasive species and the identification and protection of forests.

2.3 Final harvest sampling programme

LJR Forest Products relies on its fiber suppliers to conduct monitoring of their procurement activities to ensure that the Districts of Origin/Supply Base has been verified, that BMPs are being implemented, that the loggers have been trained under the State Logger Training Programs and that operations are in legal and regulatory compliance.

Suppliers of fiber maintain records and can make them available to LJR Forest Products and the Certification Body, upon request.

2.4 Flow diagram of feedstock inputs showing feedstock type [optional]



2.5 Quantification of the Supply Base

Supply Base

- Total Supply Base area (ha): 10,007,260 ha Georgia, 5,250,458 ha South Carolina
- Tenure by type (ha): 8,930,272 ha Private Land – Georgia, 1,076,988 ha Public Agencies – Georgia, 4,604,628 ha Private Land – South Carolina, 645,830 ha Public Agencies – South Carolina
- Forest by type (ha): 4,488,804 ha Temperate Pine Forests – Georgia, 1,105,434 ha Temperate Oak-Pine – Georgia, 2,516,234 ha Temperate Pine Forests – S Carolina, 593,837 ha Temperate Oak-Pine – S Carolina
- Forest by management type (ha): 3,127,355 ha Planted Forest – Georgia, 6,879,904 ha Managed Natural Forest – Georgia, 1,345,347 ha Planted Forest – South Carolina, 3,905,111 ha Managed Natural Forest – S Carolina
- Certified forest by scheme (ha): Certified Forest Content is not reported by suppliers and is therefore not tracked or accounted for across the Supply Base, given the predominance of residual softwood suppliers. Uptake of forest certification within the sawmill sector in the Southeast U.S. has not developed and few, if any, mills are Chain of Custody certified. All fiber material is scoped within the FSC/PEFC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment and is considered "controlled material."

Feedstock

- Total volume of Feedstock: tonnes or m³ – 187,200 tonnes
- Volume of primary feedstock: tonnes or m³ -0 metric tons
- List percentage of primary feedstock (g), by the following categories. Subdivide by SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes:
 - Certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme
 - 0%--No Certified Forest Content is reported
 - Not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme
 - 0%--No Certified Forest Content is reported
- List all species in primary feedstock, including scientific name
 - 0 There is no primary feedstock. All sources are softwood residuals from primary sawmills.
- Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest
 - 0% (No primary forests are harvested)

- k. List percentage of primary feedstock from primary forest (j), by the following categories. Subdivide by SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes:
 - Primary feedstock from primary forest certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme. 0%
 - Primary feedstock from primary forest not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme. 0%
- l. Volume of secondary feedstock: specify origin and type - the volume may be shown as a % of the figure in (f) if a compelling justification is provided- 195,850 tonnes of sawmill residuals.
- m. Volume of tertiary feedstock: specify origin and composition - the volume may be shown as a % of the figure in (f) if a compelling justification is provided. 0%

3 Requirement for a Supply Base Evaluation

SBE completed	SBE not completed
X	<input type="checkbox"/>

Suppliers do not report Certified Forest Content to LJR Forest Products. Only one sawmill supplier is FSC Chain of Custody certified and it does not report Certified Forest Content from any certified forests. While some lands are FSC/SFI/ATFS Certified, no content is reported and cannot, therefore, be tracked.

4 Supply Base Evaluation

4.1 Scope

While the SBE & Risk Assessment includes information and evidence from across the States of Georgia and South Carolina, the fiber supply area is significantly smaller and extends approximately 75 highway miles from all sources of supply from primary sawmills. A map of the Supply Base is available, upon request.

4.2 Justification

The Supply Base Evaluation & Risk Assessment address each of the SBP Indicators contained in Standard # 1. LJR Forest Products did not attempt to modify or adapt the Indicators. Many of the Indicators are similar to the requirements contained in the FSC and GGL Standards. The evidence of conformance to the Indicators in Standard # 1 was drawn from existing FSC/PEFC Procedures to demonstrate conformance to the other certification standards, which SBP relies upon and does not attempt to duplicate.

Additional objective evidence of conformance was drawn from publicly available sources including: State BMP monitoring, forest inventory & analysis statistics, state wide resource assessments, research reports, the FSC US National Risk Assessment, wildlife action plans and other publicly available sources of information.

The LJR Forest Products' FSC, PEFC and SBP Documents and Procedures provide the bulk of the evidence contained in the Supply Base Evaluation and Risk Assessment.

4.3 Results of Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment considered all of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) previously implemented by LJR Forest Products as part of its FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood certifications. The SOPs constitute existing Contract Provisions approved and certified by independent Certification Bodies to meet the rigorous requirements of the FSC and PEFC Standards to ensure legality and sustainability.

The Low Risk findings of the Supply Base Evaluation & Risk Assessment are consistent with the findings of the FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood Assessment under FSC-STD-40-005 V2-1 and PEFC Chain of Custody Due Diligence System (PEFC ST 2002:2013).

The First Draft of the FSC US National Risk Assessment did not identify any High Conservation Value Forests in LJR Forest Products' supply base. Any potential water quality impacts are effectively mitigated by the very high rates of water quality BMP Compliance across the two States within the Supply Base. Note that BMP compliance rates for Georgia are 91.13% and South Carolina 92.1%.

Native longleaf pine savannas are identified as Priority Forest Types (PFT), particularly for Central Alabama, Florida Panhandle and Cape Fear Arch critical biodiversity areas. With respect to longleaf pine savannas that may fall within LJR Forest Products' supply base, the State of Georgia and South Carolina have active programs to restore longleaf pine ecosystems, in conjunction with private conservation organizations such as the Nature Conservancy and the Conservation Fund. Organizations like the Longleaf Alliance report that the

acreage in longleaf forest has increased across the Southeast region from 2.8 million acres in the 1990's to approximately 3.2 million acres. More information on the Longleaf Alliance and the status of recovery efforts are available at <http://www.longleafalliance.org/overview/status-of-the-lla>

LJR Forest Products has Wood Purchase Agreements (contract provisions) with its suppliers include the following requirements: 1) implement water quality BMPs to protect water quality and beneficial aquatic habitats, 2) use qualified logging professionals that have been trained, 3) comply with all applicable laws and regulations and 4) wood fiber is not Supplied from land with high biodiversity value, high carbon stock or peat land where those values could be significantly threatened. All wood and fiber shall be supplied as FSC/PEFC Controlled Wood/Sources, or be subject to the Controlled Wood Risk Assessment.

4.4 Results of Supplier Verification Programme

By virtue of the finding of Low Risk to all of the SBP Standard # 1 Indicators, the Low Risk finding of the applicable FSC/PEFC Controlled Wood and Due Diligence System Risk Assessment and the implementation of policies and contract provisions to avoid any negative environmental impacts, there is a "Low Risk" of noncompliance with the SBP requirements in Standard # 1.

Wood Purchase Agreements and other requirements with the suppliers to ensure implementation of Contract Provisions contained in Section 4.3 above.

It is important to note that LJR Forest Products does not own forest land and does not source roundwood from the forest. LJR Forest Products does not procure purchase stumpage directly from the forest where the Forest Management Unit (FMU) can be identified. All sources of supply are considered indirect through secondary sources from softwood sawmills. LJR Forest Products is two or more contracts or steps in the supply chain from the Forest Management Unit (FMU) and has no direct control and limited influence over long-term forest management decisions of private family forest owners.

4.5 Conclusion

The Supply Base Evaluation & Risk Assessment concluded "Low Risk" for all SBP Indicators, based upon the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of LJR Forest Products. The Supply Base Evaluation drew on the experience of the company's conformance to FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood/Due Diligence certification Standards.

The States of Georgia and South Carolina document high levels of BMP compliance and have strong legal and regulatory systems in place to ensure legality. LJR Forest Products requires its suppliers to use trained loggers, requires compliance with laws and regulations, as well as State Best Management Practices. Feedback from the Stakeholder Consultation process was positive and reinforced the finding that there is a need for markets of low valued softwood sawmill residual material. No hardwood residuals are sourced.

All inputs are currently secondary sources and LJR Forest Products is considered by SBP to be a Secondary Wood Processing facility that has no direct control or contractual link to the Forest Management Unit (FMU).

100% of the fiber inputs are supplied within the scope of the FSC/PEFC Controlled Wood/Due Diligence Systems approved by SBP. Thus, all residual inputs are at least considered "SBP Controlled Feedstock" and, according to the SBE/RA, SBP-compliant Feedstock. All non-certified sources are Low Risk for all Standard # 1 Indicators, with Contract Provisions already in place addressing the potential of sourcing fiber unacceptable sources.

The Georgia Forestry Commission is the only stakeholder to provide feedback, and it was very positive about the benefits to the forest and landowners of having a market demand for low valued softwood residuals. Comments from the Georgia Forestry Commission include:

Georgia's forests are being sustainably managed to meet the numerous needs of our state today – averaging over 40% annual growth over removals. In addition, Georgia's forest area has remained stable over the past fifty-years at about 24 million acres – the largest commercial forest in the U.S.

Georgia's forest industry provides \$28.7 billion in total economic activity and provides jobs for 129,329 workers. The wood pellet industry in Georgia is an important contributor to the economy of our state. Georgia's wood pellet mill portfolio has grown from zero mills in 2007 to ten mills in 2015. The wood pellet industry provides new markets for small diameter trees and helps "keep working forests in forests".

Feedstock's for wood pellet mills are plentiful in Georgia. In addition to the state's standing forest inventory, over 5.7 million dry tons of wood and bark by-products are produced annually at Georgia's primary forestry mills. Furthermore, over 4.7 million dry tons of logging residues are produced annually in the state.

By virtue of the Low Risk rating and Contract Provisions already being applied, all wood pellet outputs from LJR Forest Products' pellet mill are considered "SBP-compliant Biomass."

5 Supply Base Evaluation Process

LJR Forest Products retained R.S. Berg & Associates, Inc. to prepare the SBP Program and Procedures, including conducting the Supply Base Evaluation & Risk Assessment. R.S. Berg & Associates, Inc. has provided consulting assistance to over two hundred and eighty (280) forestry organizations in North America and has conducted over forty (40) independent and internal audits to the FSC, SFI, PEFC and American Tree Farm System Standards. Resume, Client List and other information is available at the following website: <http://www.rsbergassoc.com/>

LJR Forest Products is independently certified to the FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood Standards. LJR Forest Products sources all indirect and secondary inputs from suppliers that are within scope of the FSC/PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood/Due Diligence Standards.

6 Stakeholder Consultation

A Stakeholder Consultation Procedure (LJR-SBP-DP-04) was developed that included correspondence to interested and affected stakeholders across the two State procurement region. A list of relevant Stakeholders was developed based upon several selection criteria including: the geographic scope of the Supply Base, stakeholders from past FSC/PEFC audits and consultations, relevant federal and state natural resource agencies, private conservation organizations, forestry colleges and universities, advocacy organizations, forest products organizations, as well as local governmental officials.

Correspondence was forwarded to all Stakeholder at least 30 days prior to the completion of the SBE/RA. A Summary of Stakeholder input was prepared documenting input and responses by LJR Forest Products

The SBP website contains copies of Version 1.0 that were issued March 26, 2015. Because the Standards were recently issued and the SBP Standards are not well known or understood in the U.S., LJR Forest Products is uncertain what level of awareness exists within the stakeholder community.

6.1 Response to stakeholder comments

Comment 1: Dear Lige Moore,

On behalf of State Forester Robert Farris, I would like to thank you for your January 21, 2016, inquiry regarding your pellet mill's certification to the Sustainable Biomass Partnership Standards.

While I do not have any direct knowledge of your mill's "impact on sustainable forestry", I do have some important information about forestry in Georgia that may be useful to you in your certification process.

Georgia's forests are being sustainably managed to meet the numerous needs of our state today – averaging over 40% annual growth over removals. In addition, Georgia's forest area has remained stable over the past fifty-years at about 24 million acres – the largest commercial forest in the U.S.

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These are just a few of the positive attributes that Georgia's forests provide to our citizens and our forest industry – including the wood pellet industry.

I trust that this information will be useful to you and please let me know if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Risher A. Willard

Response 1: Dear Mr. Willard,

Thank you for the fast reply and all the information. These numbers will help me show how much the pellet industry is helping use the by-products from other operations.

Having people that take the time and reply to request like this truly help make these certifications possible.

Again thank you for the great information and have a great day

Sincerely,

Lige Moore

7 Overview of Initial Assessment of Risk

Table 1. Overview of results from the risk assessment of all Indicators (prior to SVP)

Indicator	Initial Risk Rating		
	Specified	Low	Unspecified
1.1.1		X	
1.1.2		X	
1.1.3		X	
1.2.1		X	
1.3.1		X	
1.4.1		X	
1.5.1		X	
1.6.1		X	
2.1.1		X	
2.1.2		X	
2.1.3		X	
2.2.1		X	
2.2.2		X	
2.2.3		X	
2.2.4		X	
2.2.5		X	
2.2.6		X	
2.2.7		X	
2.2.8		X	
2.2.9		X	

Indicator	Initial Risk Rating		
	Specified	Low	Unspecified
2.3.1		X	
2.3.2		X	
2.3.3		X	
2.4.1		X	
2.4.2		X	
2.4.3		X	
2.5.1		X	
2.5.2		X	
2.6.1		X	
2.7.1		X	
2.7.2		X	
2.7.3		X	
2.7.4		X	
2.7.5		X	
2.8.1		X	
2.9.1		X	
2.9.2		X	
2.10.1		X	

8 Supplier Verification Programme

8.1 Description of the Supplier Verification Programme

The results of the Supply Base Evaluation and Risk Assessment addressing the requirements in Standard # 1 were all Low Risk, and Contract Provisions already in place and functioning effectively justify the Low Risk rating.

Wood Purchase Agreements including contract provisions have been incorporated as part of implementing the FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood Standards.

8.2 Site visits

LJR Forest Products is in regular contact with its suppliers and conducts periodic monitoring of documents and records, as part of its FSC/PEFC Controlled Wood Procedures. All inputs are confirmed from known "Districts of Origin" and are considered "controlled material." Records of mill visits and observations are kept in the office to view on request.

8.3 Conclusions from the Supplier Verification Programme

All current evidence leads to a conclusion that there is a Low Risk of sourcing from unacceptable sources as defined by the SBP, FSC and PEFC.

The Contract Provisions include Policies to avoid potential negative impacts to the environment that may be associated with forestry activities, including harvesting and roads. Such policies have been inserted into LJR Forest Products' Sustainable Biomass Policy and have been implemented as part of the FSC/PEFC Controlled Wood Risk Assessment and Procedures. Similar provisions are also included in Wood Purchase Agreements as extra measures of precaution. Supplier compliance is assessed via monitoring of LJR Forest Products' suppliers, state agency on-site inspections, stakeholder feedback, and state agency inspections or reports where relevant and available.

The Contract Provisions adopted by LJR Forest Products are contained in the Wood Purchase Agreements (LJR-SBP-DP-08).

To date, no stakeholders have documented any scientifically supported concerns regarding unacceptable sources of softwood. And overall, the southern region BMP implementation average increased from 87% in 2008 to 92% in 2012, thus mitigating potential impacts to Aquatic resources and habitats. The LJR Policies and Contract Provisions are sufficient to justify a finding of Low Risk.

9 Mitigation Measures

9.1 Mitigation measures

LJR Forest Products' Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) addressing sustainability and legality are already in place and have been functioning under the FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody and Controlled Wood programs.

Similar provisions are also included in the Wood Purchase Agreements as extra measures of precaution. Supplier compliance is assessed via monitoring of LJR Forest Products' suppliers, state agency inspections, stakeholder feedback, and state agency inspections or reports where relevant and available.

The Contract Provisions adopted by LJR Forest Products are contained in the Wood Purchase Agreements contained in LJR-SBP-DP-08.

9.2 Monitoring and outcomes

LJR Forest Products intends to monitor its softwood residual sawmill suppliers to confirm compliance with contract provisions and policies as part of the annual internal audit and management review. The FSC/PEFC Controlled Wood Standards require periodic monitoring the supply base and suppliers

10 Detailed Findings for Indicators

Detailed findings for each Indicator demonstrating low risk are contained in the full Supply Base Evaluation and Risk Assessment and are summarized in this Supply Base Report

11 Review of Report

11.1 Peer review

The SBP, FSC and PEFC Standards Program at LJR Forest Products has involved the development of detailed written Documents and Procedures to address all relevant requirements. An outside consultant with expertise in forest certification standards was retained to help develop the procedures and conduct the Supply Base Evaluation.

A Readiness Review was conducted with the accredited Certification Body (NSF). 26 letters and notices were sent to potential stakeholders. The accredited Certification Body has assigned auditors to conduct an independent audit of the SBP Program. The Certification Body is also required to conduct an independent consultation with potential stakeholders. Additionally, the Certification Body's assessment is subject to independent Technical Committee review.

Independent auditors conduct annual surveillance audits of the LJR Forest Products SBP, FSC and PEFC certification programs. SBP procedures call for a Technical Review Panel to review the audit findings.

LJR Forest Products believes that sufficient independent reviews of its Programs and Procedures has already taken place and that an additional Peer Review is not warranted or required.

11.2 Public or additional reviews

No additional reviews have been completed.

12 Approval of Report

Approval of Supply Base Report by senior management			
Report Prepared by:	R. Scott Berg	President, R.S. Berg & Associates, Inc.	3/28/16
	Name	Title	Date
The undersigned persons confirm that I/we are members of the organization'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 finalization of the report.			
Report approved by:	Jeremy Faircloth	Vice President LJR Forest Products	3/28/16
	Name	Title	Date
Report approved by:	Lige Moore	Plant Manager LJR Forest Products	3/28/16
	Name	Title	Date
Report approved by:	[name]	[title]	[date]
	Name	Title	Date

13 Updates

Note: Updates should be provided in the form of additional pages, either published separately or added to the original public summary report.

13.1 Significant changes in the Supply Base

NA; this is a certification report

13.2 Effectiveness of previous mitigation measures

NA; this is a certification report

13.3 New risk ratings and mitigation measures

NA; this is a certification report

13.4 Actual figures for feedstock over the previous 12 months

NA; this is a certification report

13.5 Projected figures for feedstock over the next 12 months

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