

# Control Union Certifications B.V. Evaluation of Moelven Pellets AS Compliance with the SBP Framework: Public Summary Report

First Surveillance Audit

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# 1 Overview

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Certified Supply Base: Norway, Sweden

SBP Certificate Code: SBP-06-38

Date of certificate issue: 30/Jan/2020

Date of certificate expiry: 29/Jan/2025

This report relates to the First Surveillance Audit

## 2 Scope of the evaluation and SBP certificate

**Scope of evaluation:** First surveillance audit to assess the BP's conformance to SBP standards 2, 4, and 5 and respective Instruction Notes and Documents including Communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability (DBS) Data (ID5E). The evaluation included on-site visits to the pellet plant in SOKNA, Norway and the port facility in Drammen, Norway. The Organisation holds FSC Chain of Custody and controlled wood certificated and a PEFC Chain of Custody certificate. The FSC certificate (Certificate Code DNV-COC-000538, License Code FSC-C113012 Controlled Wood Code, DNV-CW-000538) is valid until 2022-10-02, the PEFC certificate (Certificate number 2018-SKM-PEFC-248, License number PEFC/03-34-03) is valid until 01 September 2021.

**Scope of certificate:** The following SBP standards are applicable and form the scope of the evaluation and thus, the SBP certificate: Standard 2, Standard 4 and Standard 5 including Communication of Dynamic Batch Sustainability (DBS) Data (ID5E). This certificate covers production and distribution of wood pellets, for use in energy production, at Moelven Pellets AS pellet plant in Sokna, Norway, and transported to the port of Drammen, Norway by truck where pellets are also stored and loaded onto vessels for the shipping of pellets. The scope of the certificate does not include a Supply Base Evaluation, since all raw material received is either with an FSC FM or PEFC FM claim (or with a Controlled claim).

### 3 Specific objective

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

The scope of the evaluation covered:

- Review of the BP's management procedures;
- Review of the production processes, production site visit;
- Review of FSC/PEFC system control points and an analysis of the existing FSC/PEFC CoC system;
- Interviews with responsible staff;
- Review of the records, calculations and conversion coefficients;
- Review of the use and claims via DTS including DBSD information
- GHG data collection analysis;
- SAR and profiling data collection analysis.

## 4 SBP Standards utilised

### 4.1 SBP Standards utilised

Please select all SBP Standards used during this evaluation. All Standards can be accessed and downloaded from <https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards>

- SBP Framework Standard 1: Feedstock Compliance Standard (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)
- SBP Framework Standard 2: Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)
- SBP Framework Standard 4: Chain of Custody (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)
- SBP Framework Standard 5: Collection and Communication of Data (Version 1.0, 26 March 2015)

### 4.2 SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessment

Not applicable - No SBP endorsed Regional Risk Assessment was used for this

## 5 Description of Company, Supply Base and Forest Management

### 5.1 Description of Company

Moelven Pellets AS is a pellet plant located in the north-west of Oslo in Norway. The newly built modern pellet plant started up in October 2019 and has been running in operational capacity since 1-1-2020.

Moelven produces wood pellets from sawmill residues of 5 Moelven sawmills and 2 other (third party) sawmills. These residues for pellet production consist of sawdust of Scots pine (*Pinus Sylvestris*) and Norway spruce (*Picea Abies*).

All volumes are procured with an PEFC (and/or FSC) certification claim and consist only of residuals from sawmill and industries (category 5).

The supply base is the forest areas of Norway (mainly from within Innlandet, Viken, Vestfold og Telemark, Vestlandet and Møre og Romsdal).

Total annual production aimed capacity of pellet plant is approximately 80 000 tons of pellets. Over the first 10 months of operation 44 224 mt of pellets were produced. The BP has implemented FSC and PEFC certification systems and all incoming feedstock is received with up to 100% PEFC or FSC FM (or controlled) claims. The organization sells pellets with an SBP claims and/or with their DINplus or ENplus quality certifications. They are using their credit system to calculate the material suitable for SBP claims.

### 5.2 Description of Company's Supply Base

Predominately conifer closed-forest mainly within Innlandet, Viken, Vestfold og Telemark, Vestlandet and Møre og Romsdal. comprising 7 million hectares. The Total Supply Base includes all of Norway and 12 million hectares. A general description on forestry management practices in these countries and, for example, the measures taken to conserve biodiversity are given in the Supply Base Report. In general, this Scandinavian country is renowned for their developed forestry sector, sustainable forest management, and exemplary socio-economic working conditions.

Full description of the Supply Base is included in the Supply Base Report which can be found at: [www.sbp-cert.org](http://www.sbp-cert.org) and <https://www.moelven.com/no/om-moelven/moelven-pellets/>



## 5.3 Detailed description of Supply Base

A quantitative description of the Supply Base can be found in the Biomass Producer's Supply Base Report at: [www.sbp-cert.org](http://www.sbp-cert.org) and <https://www.moelven.com/no/om-moelven/moelven-pellets/>

## 5.4 Chain of Custody system

The Organisation is holding valid FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody certificate systems. All wood fiber is tracked through the process from the district of origin through the mill to the final bill of sale. Moelven considers only the following feedstock inputs to be SBP-compliant feedstock:

- Feedstock received with an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme claim
- Feedstock received with an SBP-approved Chain of Custody (CoC) System claim.

A database is used to gather and control information related to the feedstock such as supplier name, scale tickets, fibre type, certification, and fibre origin. Moelven has appropriate control mechanisms to calculate output volumes and claims.

The organization has procedures and databases to cover the necessary requirements regarding the SBP-approved Chain of Custody system.

## 6 Evaluation process

### 6.1 Timing of evaluation activities

The audit occurred on 17-11-20 and 20-11-2020 remotely, because of travel restriction due to Covid-19 by the above mentioned audit team. The audit has been performed by review of requested documents, data, records and the DTS system, interviews via MS Teams and inspection of imagery of the plant. This report is the result of the findings of a certification evaluation carried out by an independent lead auditor representing Control Union Certifications. The purpose of the assessment was to evaluate the compliance of the client with respect to the standards used within the scope of the certificate.

Activity	Date/time	Location	Executed by (role)
Preparation (telephone/email on scope and planning)	04/11/2020 0,5 hours	Remote	Koen Jongste (LA)
<b>Audit</b>			
<b>17-11-2020</b>			
Opening meeting	09:00-09:15	Moelven Pellets AS	Koen Jongste (LA)
Agreement on Scope	09:15-09:30		
Checking the documents at hand	09:30-09:45		
Checking the availability of basic certification requirements	09:45-10:00		
Presentation company	10:00-10:30		
Checking the documents at hand	10:30-10:45		
Management system overview (Logo/Trademark use, Complaints procedures, Business integrity, social, health and safety requirements)	10:45-12:00		
Lunch Break	12:00-13:00		
Management system overview (Logo/Trademark use, Complaints procedures, Business integrity, social, health and safety requirements)	13:00-14:00		
Supply Base	14:00-14:30		
Chain of Custody system	14:30-15:30		
Input/output claims, DTS	15:30-17:00		
Final discussion / days closing meeting	17:00-17:15		
<b>20-11-2020</b>			
Opening meeting	09:00-09:15	Moelven Pellets AS	Koen Jongste (LA)
Review of the CoC system	09:15-10:45		

Review of the SBR	10:45-12:15		
Lunch break	12:15-12:30		
Review of the SAR and GHG	12:30-15:00		
Reporting	15:00-16:00		
Discussion of final items	16:00-16:45		
Closing meeting	16:45-7:15		

## 6.2 Description of evaluation activities

The audit consisted of an opening meeting, during which the scope was confirmed. The auditor also explained the methods to be employed during the audit.

After this introduction, all relevant requirements of the applicable SBP standard(s) were verified on compliance through the use of a report template and checklists.

The audit was completed by filling in the audit report and discussing the audit results. During this closing meeting it was also discussed how evidence can be submitted of corrective action with respect to non-conformities that were identified during the audit.

1. Names and affiliations of people interviewed	
Name:	Affiliation:
Mr Inge Hanstad	Virkesingeniør Moelven Virke AS
Mr Ole Frantzen	Fabrikksjef Moelven Pellets AS

2. Critical control points, summary	
<i>Identified CCP</i>	<i>Evaluation CCP</i>
Biomass production	produced pellets are weighted, the final weight of produced pellets is recorded in lager telling.xls
Sourcing and input check	Check prior to sending the material by supplier and check upon receiving
Sustainability material	Only certified material on site (maybe controlled)
Reception and storage	Reception and storage of material based on credit control system.
Volume control	Physical separation but certified input material
Correct claims	Correct use of DTS and DBSD and documentation

## 6.3 Process for consultation with stakeholders

Consultation with stakeholders' was conducted by Control Union during the initial audit on 02-10-2019

The process for stakeholder consultation consisted of sending direct email to different stakeholder categories: state institutions, local NGOs, authorities, government bodies, forest owners associations, academic and research institutions. All stakeholders are recorded on the consultation record.

No comments were received.

## 7 Results

### 7.1 Main strengths and weaknesses

The assessment results of Moelven Pellets AS demonstrated compliance with the required criteria of Standard 2, 4 and 5. There was reasonable evidence provided as support. The existence of a Chain of Custody system such as FSC and PEFC COC are considered a main strength with respect to Moelven's overall conformity with the relevant SBP standards.

### 7.2 Rigour of Supply Base Evaluation

N/A, no SBE in the scope of the certificate.

### 7.3 Collection and Communication of Data

The organization has in procedures for this. The auditor confirmed the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) sources for feedstock inputs, production, storage and handling at the facility and loading of vessels at the port. A review of how the input data was measured. Findings were substantiated by on-site staff interviews with operations personnel on the overview of the operations at the facility, historical operations, changes to operations, procedures and processes used to maintain the facility, and procedures and processes used to ensure data quality. Moelven demonstrated competency to analyse and report the required data on the SAR. Pellet Plant stated operation at the end of 2019 and the GHG data has been calculated over period defined as normal operational procedures: 01/01/2020 till 31/10/2020.

### 7.4 Competency of involved personnel

The company has one person who has the main responsibility related to the SBP system. All personnel that is involved with SBP have received appropriate training whereby relevant procedures and requirements have been covered. Training and instructions are based on the procedures.

### 7.5 Stakeholder feedback

See 6.3 above

### 7.6 Preconditions

N/A, no preconditions.

## 8 Review of Company's Risk Assessments

*Describe how the Certification Body assessed risk for the Indicators. Summarise the CB's final risk ratings in Table 1, together with the Company's final risk ratings. Default for each indicator is 'Low', click on the rating to change. Note: this summary should show the risk ratings before AND after the SVP has been performed and after any mitigation measures have been implemented.*

Not applicable

## 9 Review of Company's mitigation measures

Not applicable. No SBE in the scope of the certificate.

## 10 Non-conformities and observations

*Identify all non-conformities and observations raised/closed during the evaluation (a tabular format below may be used here). Please use as many copies of the table as needed. For each, give details to include at least the following:*

- *applicable requirement(s)*
- *grading of the non-conformity (major or minor) or observation with supporting rationale*
- *timeframe for resolution of the non-conformity*
- *a statement as to whether the non-conformity is likely to impact upon the integrity of the affected SBP-certified products and the credibility of the SBP trademarks.*

Organization is following SBP standards in their scope of the certification in sufficient way during the process. No open Non-conformities exist during the final closing meeting.



## 11 Certification decision

Based on the auditor's recommendation and the Certification Body's quality review, the following certification decision is taken:

<b>Certification decision:</b>	Certification approved
<b>Certification decision by (name of the person):</b>	Hubert Jurczyszyn
<b>Date of decision:</b>	12/Feb/2021
<b>Other comments:</b>	<i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i>