



Supply Base Report: Basic Timber Company LLC

Re-assessment

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1 Overview

Producer name: Basic Timber Company LLC

Producer address: Urochishe Dubino (171 km of road Lithuanian border- Lida-Slonim, Bitin), 225250 Ivacevichi district, Brest region, Belarus

SBP Certificate Code: SBP-01-25

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Name of CB: NEPCon OÜ

SBP Standard(s) used: SBP Standard 2: Verification of SBP-compliant Feedstock, 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 1.4

Weblink to Standard(s) used: <https://sbp-cert.org/documents/standards-documents/standards>

SBP Endorsed Regional Risk Assessment: N/A

Weblink to SBR on Company website: <http://basictimber.com/ru/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	Re-assessment
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2 Description of the Supply Base

2.1 General description

Feedstock types: Secondary

Includes Supply Base evaluation (SBE): No

Feedstock origin (countries): Belarus

2.2 Description of countries included in the Supply Base

Country: Belarus

Area/Region: Belarus

Exclusions: No

In the Republic of Belarus forests are one of the main renewable natural resources and the most important of natural wealth. Total area of the forest fund in Belarus is about 9.582 million ha. Covered with forest land occupy 8.26 million hectares. The percentage of forest land in Belarus reached 40.1%. The wood resources evaluate for 1796 million m³, including ripe and overripe- 296 million m³. As a result of purposeful work on the reproduction of forests, the area covered by forest increases. So, over the past 60 years the forest covered land of the Republic has almost doubled and reached its maximum value for more than a hundred years. Such increase occurs naturally and due to the afforestation of infertile land which is unsuitable for agriculture. At the same moment we also can see the steady enlargement of the areas with the maturing, mature and overmature forest stands. Percentage of mature and overmature forests (ripe and overripe forests) is 16,8%. Middle age of Belarusian forests is 56 years.

In the forests of Belarus grow 28 species of trees and about 70 species of bushes. The most common tree species are: Scots pine - 54.8%, birch - 18.8%, European spruce - 11.0%, black alder - 8.2%, oak - 2.9%, aspen - 2.2%.

Depending on usage forests are divided into first and second groups. The first group includes protected area -52%, to the second - forests designated for timber production- 48%. Some types of logging activities like thinning, sanitary cutting etc. are allowed in first group of forest.

In accordance with the Belarusian legislation, all forests are state owned or transferred to the use and management of state forestry institutions «leshoses». In Belarus forest utilization is carrying out according to the principle of continuity and unexhaustion. Average annual timber cutting estimates for 18 mln m³ per year, including:

40% of timber cutting of main utilization (in ripe forests)

48% of timber cutting for care and sanitary cutting (young, middle aged and ripening forests)

12% other cutting.

Ensuring high-quality reproduction of forest resources and protective afforestation is a prerequisite for the use of forests. So, in 2018 reforestation and afforestation were carried out on a total area of 41.82 thousand hectares. And thanks to sowing and planting of forests we can speak about 34.8 thousand hectares of new forests in future.

There are no tree species included in CITES list in Belarus. We source only Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*).

On the territory of Belarus there are two republican reserves - the Berezinsky Biosphere Reserve (85.2 thousand hectares) and the Polesye State Radiation-Ecological Reserve (216.1 thousand hectares), and four national parks - Belovezhskaya Pushcha (152,962 thousand hectares), Braslav Lakes (69,115 thousand hectares), Narochansky (93,3 thousand hectares) and Pripyat (85,841 thousand hectares), other 334 preserves of republican and local significance and 874 nature monuments.

Forest certification is an effective tool to counter illegal logging and illegal timber trade. The Republic of Belarus widely uses 2 schemes of forest certification - FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) and PEFC (Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification). Considering the requirements of the international scheme of the Forest Stewardship Council Belarus has as FSC certified 9,027 million hectares (94.2% of the forest). PEFC certified 105 state forestry institutions (leshozes) with an area of 8.8 million hectares of forest fund.

Belarusian forest industry consists of forestry (13.5%), woodworking (69.5%) and pulp-and-paper (16.4%). The woodworking industry is one of the largest branches of Belarus. Wood processing is approximately 2% of the total manufacturing industry of the Republic of Belarus. The share of the forest industry in the country's GDP is about 1.1%. Forest products and services exports up to 30 countries of the world.

"Basic Timber Company" Ltd produces products from rounded wood for landscaping and agricultural use. Pellets are being produced from our primary production residues. Round wood for primary production comes from cuttings for care of forest found of Republic. If necessary, a small amount of raw materials - secondary raw materials after processing (wood chips), the company buys from FSC certified suppliers.

2.3 Actions taken to promote certification amongst feedstock supplier

To produce SBP pellets we use FSC certified material. The company's policy is to use only FSC-certified raw materials in the near future for pellet production. For the main production we buy timber at leshoses, which have FSC certificates for forest management and the supply chain. "Basic Timber Company" has decided not to purchase timber from leshoses not certified by the FSC system. When we communicate with the responsible personnel of such leshoses, we clarify all requirements and significance of voluntary forest certification.

2.4 Quantification of the Supply Base

Supply Base

- a. **Total Supply Base area (million ha):** 9,58
- b. **Tenure by type (million ha):**9.58 (Public)

- c. **Forest by type (million ha):**9.58 (Temperate)
- d. **Forest by management type (million ha):**9.58 (Managed natural)
- e. **Certified forest by scheme (million ha):**9.02 (FSC), 8.80 (PEFC)

Describe the harvesting type which best describes how your material is sourced: Thinning

Explanation: We use roundwood harvested during thinnings in our primary processing (sawmill). Wood processing residues from sawmill are used in pellet production.

Was the forest in the Supply Base managed for a purpose other than for energy markets? Yes - Majority

Explanation: N/A

For the forests in the Supply Base, is there an intention to retain, restock or encourage natural regeneration within 5 years of felling? Yes - Majority

Explanation: N/A

Was the feedstock used in the biomass removed from a forest as part of a pest/disease control measure or a salvage operation? Yes - Minority

Explanation: N/A

Feedstock

Reporting period from: 01 Jan 2020

Reporting period to: 31 Dec 2020

- a. **Total volume of Feedstock:** 1-200,000 tonnes
- b. **Volume of primary feedstock:** 0 N/A
- c. **List percentage of primary feedstock, by the following categories.**
 - Certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
 - Not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
- d. **List of all the species in primary feedstock, including scientific name:** N/A
- e. **Is any of the feedstock used likely to have come from protected or threatened species?** N/A
 - Name of species: N/A
 - Biomass proportion, by weight, that is likely to be composed of that species (%): N/A
- f. **Hardwood (i.e. broadleaf trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):** N/A
- g. **Softwood (i.e. coniferous trees): specify proportion of biomass from (%):** N/A
- h. **Proportion of biomass composed of or derived from saw logs (%):** N/A
- i. **Specify the local regulations or industry standards that define saw logs:** N/A
- j. **Roundwood from final fellings from forests with > 40 yr rotation times - Average % volume of fellings delivered to BP (%):** N/A
- k. **Volume of primary feedstock from primary forest:** N/A N/A
- l. **List percentage of primary feedstock from primary forest, by the following categories. Subdivide by SBP-approved Forest Management Schemes:**
 - Primary feedstock from primary forest certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
 - Primary feedstock from primary forest not certified to an SBP-approved Forest Management Scheme: N/A
- m. **Volume of secondary feedstock:** 1-200,000 tonnes
 - Physical form of the feedstock: Chips, Sawdust

n. **Volume of tertiary feedstock:** 0 N/A

- Physical form of the feedstock: N/A

Proportion of feedstock sourced per type of claim during the reporting period				
Feedstock type	Sourced by using Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) %	FSC %	PEFC %	SFI %
Primary	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Secondary	0,00	100,00	0,00	0,00
Tertiary	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Other	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00

3 Requirement for a Supply Base Evaluation

Is Supply Base Evaluation (SBE) is completed? No

N/A

4 Supply Base Evaluation

4.1 Scope

Feedstock types included in SBE: N/A

SBP-endorsed Regional Risk Assessments used: N/A

List of countries and regions included in the SBE:

Country: N/A

Indicator with specified risk in the risk assessment used:
N/A

Specific risk description:

4.2 Justification

N/A

4.3 Results of risk assessment and Supplier Verification Programme

N/A

4.4 Conclusion

N/A

5 Supply Base Evaluation process

N/A

6 Stakeholder consultation

N/A

6.1 Response to stakeholder comments

N/A

7 Mitigation measures

7.1 Mitigation measures

N/A

7.2 Monitoring and outcomes

N/A

8 Detailed findings for indicators

Detailed findings for each Indicator are given in Annex 1 in case the Regional Risk Assessment (RRA) is not used.

Is RRA used? N/A

9 Review of report

9.1 Peer review

N/A

9.2 Public or additional reviews

N/A

10 Approval of report

Approval of Supply Base Report by senior management			
Report Prepared by:	Natallia Shymanchyk	Sales Manager	05 Apr 2021
	Name	Title	Date
Report Prepared by:	Boris Popko	Director	05 Apr 2021
	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:	Boris Popko	Director	05 Apr 2021
	Name	Title	Date

Annex 1: Detailed findings for Supply Base Evaluation indicators

N/A