



Supply Base Report: SALT LLC

Main (Initial) Audit

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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): Russia

2.2 Description of countries included in the Supply Base

Country:Russia

Area/Region: Tver region

Exclusions: No

SALT LLC is a biomass producer located in Vyshny volochyok of Tver region. The pellet plant was launched in 2014. At the moment, the pellet plant is focused to produce pellet from sawdust (as secondary SBP-compliant feedstock) coming from one major supplier in the region, certified under the FSC scheme and supplying sawdust with an claim FSC 100% (pine, *Pinus sylvestris* and spruce, *Picea abies*).

The Supply Base of SALT LLC is forest fund located in the Tver region with a total area of 184945.30 ha.

Tver region is one of the twenty most forested regions of Russia. 55% of the region is forested. The land area of the forest fund in the Tver region is 4873,8 thousand hectares. The total stock of wood is 731,02 million cubic meters. The distribution of different forest types across the region is very uneven, which is due to various natural conditions and economic activities. Most of the region's territory lies in the zone of mixed forests. Supply base is in the north of Tver region and belong to the South-taiga forests zone, the region of the South-taiga forests of the European part of Russian Federation.

In accordance with the economic, ecological and social significance, the forests of the Tver region are classified as protective (40%) and exploitation forests (60%). Area distribution by species is: 31% of the area - coniferous species, 69% - deciduous species. The main forest-forming tree species are: Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), Norway spruce (*Picea abies*), Silver birch (*Betula pendula*), aspen (*Populus tremula*), black alder (*Alnus glutinosa*), gray alder (*Alnus incana*).

According to Russian forest legislation, Red listed species as well as their habitats, must be preserved when timber is harvested. It is prohibited to cut protected tree species. SALT LLC not harvest and not use protected tree species. Also the areals of species listed in CITES and IUCN do not occur within the Supply base. In accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, the Russian forest fund is state ownership. Legal entities can acquire forest concessions for a period of 10 to 49 years (with the right to

prolong the 'lease' contract). Long-term concessions of 49 years are the prevailing basis for obtaining the right to harvest wood on stem. These lease contracts or contracts for the purchase of individual forest stands become available by means of auctions. Leased forest concessions must undergo a cadastral registration procedure. The Forest Code of the Russian Federation obliges each tenant to develop a forest development plan for 10 years (based on taxation and forest regulation), implement measures for the conservation, protection and reproduction of forests, submit a forest declaration and make addendums to it about the planned way of forest resources use. Once a quarter, tenants are required to submit a forest declaration containing a report on the implemented measures and logging volumes of felling for a calendar year with a cumulative total.

The main element of forest reproduction is artificial reforestation, which is carried out by planting seedlings on clear cuts and other non-forested areas. In the Tver region, 40,7% of the total reforestation is carried out by the establishment of planted forest, 52,5% - by the promotion of natural regeneration, 0,5% - combined reforestation.

The main enterprises of the forest complex of the Tver region are LLC "Vyshnevolotsky lespromkhoz", LLC "Stod", LLC "LPH Siyanie", LLC "Nelidovsky DOCK".

2.3 Actions taken to promote certification amongst feedstock supplier

SALT LLC aims to promote FSC certification among its suppliers by explaining the benefits of sustainable operation and prioritizing the purchase of FSC-certified feedstock.

2.4 Quantification of the Supply Base

Supply Base

- a. **Total Supply Base area (million ha):** 0,18
- b. **Tenure by type (million ha):**0.18 (Public)
- c. **Forest by type (million ha):**0.18 (Temperate)
- d. **Forest by management type (million ha):**0.18 (Managed natural)
- e. **Certified forest by scheme (million ha):**0.18 (FSC)

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

Explanation: Harvesting is carried out by clear cutting in the stage of maturity and over maturity with subsequent reforestation.

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

Explanation: The purpose of forest harvesting is sawn timber production. Residues from the wood processing usually used for biomass production.

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: Reforestation can be done with planting seedlings, promotion of natural regeneration or with a combined method.

Was the feedstock used in the biomass removed from a forest as part of a pest/disease control measure or a salvage operation? No

Explanation: Only roundwood logs suitable for sawing were harvested in the supply base in the reporting period.

Feedstock

Reporting period from: 01 Feb 2021

Reporting period to: 30 Apr 2021

- a. **Total volume of Feedstock:** 1-200,000 m³
- b. **Volume of primary feedstock:** 0 m³
- 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 m³
 - Physical form of the feedstock: 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:	Konstantin Biryukov	General director	19 May 2021
	Name	Title	Date
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.			
Report approved by:	Konstantin Biryukov	General director	19 May 2021
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Annex 1: Detailed findings for Supply Base Evaluation indicators

N/A