

## **Boise Cascade Public Audit Summary Report Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Standard (SFIS) 2005-2009 Edition**

### **Introduction**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP completed a SFI re-certification assessment of Boise Cascade's (Boise) raw material procurement system at its corporate headquarters in Boise, Idaho on July 21, 2005. The lead auditors for this assessment were Don Taylor, Certified Forester and EMS Lead Auditor, and Jim Creviston, Certified Public Accountant and Senior Manager, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC).

### **Audit Scope & Objective(s)**

The audit scope included all procurement operations carried out under Boise's company-wide Fiber and Wood Procurement System in the states of Washington, Oregon, Minnesota, Louisiana, and Alabama. The procurement practices for all of Boise's primary manufacturing facilities were assessed against Objective 8 of the SFI Standard.

Boise manages its SFI Program through a centralized management structure that provides a consistent approach to procurement throughout the organization. The primary objective of the audit was to assess the SFI management system at the corporate level and evaluate Boise's progress toward implementation of the new SFI Standard 2005-2009 Edition. To achieve such objectives, detailed protocols were developed by PricewaterhouseCoopers and used to facilitate the collection of sufficient appropriate audit evidence, using a continuous certification approach. Good Management Practices and Opportunities for Improvement were also identified where appropriate. Boise has recently undergone a change in its ownership structure and therefore the audit was also designed to confirm management's continued commitment to the SFI program.

### **Indicators**

All of the indicators associated with Objectives 8, 9,10,11,12, and 13 in the SFI 2005-2009 Standard were included within the audit scope. There were no substitute indicators.

## **Audit Process**

The audit team conducted interviews and reviewed appropriate documentation at the corporate headquarters office to assess policies, procedures, management structure, and the implementation of overall SFI program requirements pertaining to procurement systems across all regions.

## **Summary of Findings**

There were no major or minor non-conformances identified during the audit.

Opportunities for improvement were identified in the following areas:

1. Evaluation of state level data for sufficiency in monitoring.
2. Assurances that wood sources outside North America are in compliance
3. Establish a periodic review of all suppliers outside North America
4. Comprehensive annual training needs and schedule
5. Documentation from state for forest practice compliance
6. Improve the procedure to receive and respond to public inquiries

Good management practices were identified in the following areas:

1. Support of Sustainable Forest Management research and results incorporated into operations through continuous improvement processes.
2. Comprehensive company-wide SFI Program structure.
3. Outstanding program to achieve credible and high level compliance to regulations
4. High level of commitment to environmental and social programs at all levels.
5. SFI Continuous Improvement program – well developed and translated into specific assignments of actions to be taken.

## **Audit Conclusion**

Boise's procurement operations were re-certified to the SFI Standard. The Auditors' Report can be found at : <http://www.bc.com>