



**To: Head of organization, any representative, individual,  
party interested in the activity of applicant/ FSC  
CoC/CW certificate holder M. P. Veneers Pvt.  
Ltd.**

**Dear Sir/Madam,**

Currently, the FSC-accredited Certification Body Forest Certification LLC is certifying the chain of custody and controlled wood under the FSC scheme of M. P. Veneers Pvt. Ltd.

The controlled wood evaluation scope as per FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1 'Requirements for sourcing FSC controlled wood' is to confirm that the purchased inputs do not belong to the five categories of non-eligible inputs. The non-eligible inputs include: 1) Illegally harvested wood; 2) Wood harvested in violation of traditional and human rights; 3) Wood from forests in which high conservation values are threatened by management activities; 4) Wood from forests being converted to plantations or non-forest use; and 5) Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted. Out of these five categories in India only the first three ones (1-3) are 'specified' risk; categories 4 and 5 are 'low' risk (as per centralized national risk assessment FSC-CNRA-IN V1-0), therefore no relevant consultations are to be held.

To this end, the organization has been following due diligence system (DDS) providing for inspections of non-certified timber suppliers to mitigate the risk of supplies and to confirm the compliance of their origin as per controlled wood standard FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1. This makes it possible for the enterprise to mix FSC-certified wood with controlled wood coming from non-certified suppliers to produce FSC-certified mixed products (FSC Mix). After the implementation of due diligence and risk assessment with mitigation measures, the enterprise is able to purchase timber from non-certified suppliers as controlled with the assignment of the "FSC Controlled Wood" claim if all five controlled wood categories are in the "low risk" category and there is no risk of mixing with non-eligible inputs in supply chains.

The controlled wood standard FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, and the Centralized National Risk Assessment FSC-CNRA-IN V1-0 are published on our Company website: [fcert.ru](http://fcert.ru).

The certification body plans to conduct a certification audit of the chain of custody and controlled wood of M. P. Veneers Pvt. Ltd. according to the FSC system after the end of the public consultation period - after April 17, 2020.

#### **Location of the office of the Organization and production sites**

Office location	Production sites	Sites location	Business activity <sup>1</sup>
2-d Gulmohar Temple Road, Civil Lines, Nagpur, Maharashtra	1	M.P Veneers Pvt. Ltd. Kosmi Industrial Area	Secondary processor

<sup>1</sup> Forest manager, primary/secondary processor, trader, etc.

440001 India		Betul (M.P.) Betul City, Betul District, Madhya Pradesh State, 460001 India	
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**List of regions of non-certified (controlled)  
wood supply for the Organization**

Country of supply	Regions of supply	Forestry Units (FU)
India	Maharashtra	n/a
India	Uttar Pradesh	n/a

The stakeholder questionnaire with the information on the risk assessment and due diligence system of the Organization is attached hereto. Also, these documents are placed on the website of our Company: <http://fcert.ru>.

Forest Certification LLC as an independent certification body that evaluates the Organization's chain of custody and controlled wood is interested in your objective feedback. If you have any comments or information that deliveries from the above-mentioned regions/forestry units are made from non-eligible sources (in the context of FSC-STD-40-005 V. 3-1), please fill in the questionnaire attached hereto and send it to us before the audit (17.04.2020) to the address indicated below. We will also be happy to receive information from you after the deadline, i.e. during an audit and preparation of the report on its results. The information you provide will be taken into account by us in any case. If required, we will provide you additional information upon request. If you have no comments, or they are only positive, then this letter can be left unanswered.

Your experience and opinion as a stakeholder is especially important to us and can help us adequately assess the requirements of the FSC standard for this enterprise. Stakeholder consultations are an integral part of the evaluation of the applicant and include both questionnaires, personal contacts by phone, e-mail or letters, and direct meetings and interviews during the evaluation.

All disputes or complaints against certificate holders are considered in accordance with the procedure of Forest Certification LLC, the head of the certification body, as well as an independent Dispute Resolution Committee. The Procedure of Complaint and Appeal Review of Forest Certification LLC is published on <http://fcert.tu>.

Forest Certification LLC guarantees confidentiality with respect to the persons consulted, which is achieved by conducting a survey without the participation and without notifying the employees of the enterprise being evaluated. The information obtained is recorded in the assessment report of the applicant; at your request, the report can specify either only the name of the organization, or only the name of the respondent without specifying the place of work and position.

After the certification audit of the Organization for compliance with the requirements of FSC-STD-40-005 V3-1, the certification body will draft a report with conclusions on the possibility of issuing/confirming the FSC certificate. In case of a positive decision on certification, the Summary of the

certification report on controlled wood assessment will be available to the public through its publication in the FSC database: <http://info.fsc.org/certificate.php>.

Within 30 days of the certification decision, Forest Certification LLC will respond to all stakeholders who participated in the consultation process and explain how their comments were addressed.

Please send the completed form with comments to one of the following addresses:

- Postal address of Forest Certification LLC: Russia, 121096, Moscow, Osennyaya str., 17-1, room I-146.
- International Program Manager of Forest Certification LLC Alsu Akmetdinova, e-mail [a.akmetdinova@fcert.ru](mailto:a.akmetdinova@fcert.ru)

Annex:

1. Stakeholder questionnaire.
2. Due Diligence System summary with the Organization's risk assessment

Sincerely yours,  
Director of Certification Programs  
**Forest Certification LLC**

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