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To Mistik Management Ltd. FSC® CoC/CW Stakeholders

July 29, 2022

Forest Management Stakeholder Consultation

KPMG Forest Certification Services Inc. (KPMG FCSI) to conduct a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) Forest Management Re-certification Audit of Mistik Management Ltd.'s Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan FMA area

FSC Certificate #: KF-FM/COC-001005

Purpose and scope of the audit

KPMG Forest Certification Services Inc. (KPMG FCSI) will be conducting a re-certification audit of Mistik Management Ltd.'s (Mistik's) operations on its Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan Forest Management Agreement (FMA) and the NorthWind FMA areas against the requirements of the FSC Principles and Criteria. A stakeholder consultation process is planned for the summer of 2022, with the main assessment occurring between September 12 to October 7, 2022.

The Mistik FMA area encompasses 1,797,063 hectares to the north and south of Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan. The target average annual harvest level on the FMA area is up to 464,628 m³ of softwood and 959,763 m³ of hardwood. Mistik Management Ltd also manages the adjacent NorthWind FMA encompassing 69,211 hectares with a harvest level of 69,389 m³ of softwood and 47,903 m³ of hardwood.

The audit will be based on audit protocols developed by KPMG FCSI which address all of the FSC Principles and Criteria for Forest Stewardship and the specific requirements of the FSC National Forest Stewardship Standard of Canada.

Note that Mistik Management Ltd is also undergoing a FSC 'Controlled Wood' re-certification audit and KPMG is conducting a parallel consultation process regarding Mistik's planning and practices of harvest areas not on the Mistik and NorthWind FMAs. **Here we invite you to respond to a questionnaire about Mistik's planning and practices on the Mistik FMA and the NorthWind FMA areas.**

About FSC and the National Forest Stewardship Standard of Canada

The FSC is an international non-profit organization founded in 1993 to support environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial, and economically viable management of the world's forests. It supports the development of national and regional standards to be used to evaluate whether a forest is being well-managed.

It is an association of members consisting of a diverse group of representatives from environmental and social organizations, forest and product industries, Indigenous People's organizations, community forestry groups and certification bodies from around the world. Membership is open to all who are involved in forestry or forest products and share its aims and objectives.

FSC, with its head office in the city of Bonn, Germany, is governed by an elected Board which consists of people from industry, environmental, social and labor groups, Indigenous People's representatives and others.

The National Forest Stewardship Standard of Canada was developed by the FSC Canada as the basis for certifying forests in Canada. The standard consists of FSC's 10 Principles and 56 Criteria for forest stewardship, along with numerous indicators and verifiers that were developed to reflect the unique circumstances of the Canadian forests. A copy of the standard can be obtained by visiting the FSC Canada website at www.fsccanada.org.

Your role

We would appreciate your comments on forest management and planning practices on the Mistik and NorthWind FMA areas, including Mistik's environmental, social and economic performance and the manner in which stakeholders' views have been incorporated into Mistik's management planning processes. Comments received will be considered by KPMG FCSI in assessing Mistik's performance against the requirements of the FSC Standard. A summary of stakeholder comments will also be included in the Mistik FSC certification report.

A questionnaire is provided with this letter for your comments on forest management planning and practices on the FMA area, and Mistik's efforts to solicit and address stakeholder and First Nations input into its planning processes. However, additional materials and other methods of communication will also be accepted.

Upon request, arrangements may also be made to allow stakeholders to meet with members of the audit team during the on-site portion of the audit.

KPMG FCSI Contact information

All comments and requests for additional information should be directed to Dave Bebb at:

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Our commitments

1. The source of specific comments received will remain confidential unless the commenting party specifically indicates to the contrary.
2. We will respond to all stakeholders who provide comments and provide information on how their comments were taken into account.
3. A summary of stakeholder comments will be included in the Mistik FSC certification report.

Dispute resolution procedures

As required by FSC, KPMG FCSI also draws notice to the existence of dispute resolution procedures that are available to all stakeholders providing comments. A written description of the dispute resolution process is available on KPMG FCSI's website at <https://home.kpmg/ca/en/home/services/environmental-social-and-governance/assurance/certification/fsc-stakeholder-consultations.html>

Yours very truly,



Bodo von Schilling, Accredited FSC Auditor
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Enclosure

**Forest Management Stakeholder Questionnaire – 2022 Mistik FSC®
Re-certification Audit**

To: Bodo von Schilling, KPMG FCSI **Fax #:** 604-691-3031

From: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

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NB: In order to be considered during the 2022 audit, comments must be received no later than September 11, 2022. At the discretion of the Lead Auditor, late submissions may be considered at the 2022 audit or may be identified for follow-up at the 2023 surveillance audit.

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From: _____ **Phone #:** _____

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<p>1. Do you have any specific concerns (i.e., related to a specific geographic area or forest practice) regarding Mistik’s forest management plans or practices on the Mistik FMA and NorthWind FMA areas?</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>	<p>YES/NO/NA</p>
<p>2. If you answered yes to question 1 above, have you communicated your concerns to Mistik, either directly or through a co-management board/public advisory group representative?</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>	<p>YES/NO/NA</p>
<p>3. If you answered yes to question 2 above, in your opinion, has Mistik made a reasonable attempt to address your specific concerns?</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>	<p>YES/NO/NA</p>
<p>4. Do you have any other concerns regarding Mistik’s forest management plans and practices on the Mistik FMA and NorthWind FMA areas that have not been addressed in the above questions?</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>	<p>YES/NO/NA</p>

<p>5. Are there any specific forest management issues or requirements of the FSC Standard that you believe merit special attention during the 2022 FSC re-certification audit of Mistik's FMA area?</p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p>	<p>YES/NO/NA</p>
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