

Summary of SERA result

No	Indicator	Information	Remark
1	Natural forest conversion into other use since February 1, 2013.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCT markets only accept Acacia, Eucalypt, and Pines species. ▪ All natural forests and listed trees are protected by law and may not be destroyed and replaced with exotic plantation. ▪ The supplier of NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited has been certified by FSC Scheme ▪ The indigenous forests of South Africa are protected by law. Chapter 3 of the National Forest Act prohibits the destruction of trees in a natural forest: Section 7(1) states that No person may cut, disturb, damage or destroy any indigenous living tree in a natural forest, so it is illegal to convert forests into other land uses. 	<p>Covered by FSC Certificate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a023300000XsYSCA A3&type=certificate ▪ https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a0240000005sTQuA AM&type=certificate ▪ FSC National Risk Assessment for South Africa (FSC-NRA-ZA V1-0) ▪
2	Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Africa ▪ CPI = 43 ▪ There is no UN Security Council ban on timber exports from South Africa. South Africa is not covered by any other international ban on timber export ▪ NCT is FSC certified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ https://www.transparency.org/news/feature/corruption_perceptions_index_2017 ▪ FSC National Risk Assessment for South Africa (FSC-NRA-ZA V1-0) ▪ https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a024000000G32jw AAB&type=certificate
3	Tree species	Based on the SERA Questionnaire, NCT will supply wood chip of <i>Acacia mearnsii</i> , <i>E. grandis</i> , <i>E. macarthurii</i> , <i>E. dunii</i>	
4	Third party certification/verification	Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103 Scope: COC Issued by: Soil Association Certification Expiry Date: 2 July 2023	
5	CoC System	Covered by FSC Certificate: Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103 Scope: COC Issued by: Soil Association Certification Expiry Date: 2 July 2023	
6	Legality Compliance	<p>NCT Cooperative Limited is an independent legal entity registered as a Cooperative Limited Company Registration No. 1949 00000224.</p> <p>NCT audits each certified member annually. The auditing is done by an environmental consulting service and the checklist used for the audit is very comprehensive and covers the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational Planning. ▪ Silviculture ▪ Roads. ▪ Harvesting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a0240000005sTQuA AM&type=certificate ▪ http://fsc.force.com/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=00Pf300000t0fmAEAQ

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		<p>Covered in NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited FSC Certificate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103 ▪ Scope: Forest Management ▪ Issued by: Soil Association Certification ▪ Expiry date: 2 July 2023 	
7	HCV/HCS protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCT FSC GROUP POLICY states that Forest managers shall comply with the laws of the land. <p>Covered in NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited FSC Certificate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103 ▪ Scope: Forest Management ▪ Issued by: Soil Association Certification ▪ Expiry date: 2 July 2023 <p>1.</p>	<p>http://www.nctforest.com/home.php?page=Quality-FSCGroupPolicy</p> <p>https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a024000005sTQuAAM&type=certificate</p>
8	Species protection as listed within the IUCN red list of Critical Endangered Species and Convension on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)	<p>NCT Cooperative Limited has protected the species and conserved them in the NCT's sites of Conservation Significant.</p> <p>Covered in NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited FSC Certificate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103 ▪ Scope: Forest Management ▪ Issued by: Soil Association Certification ▪ Expiry date: 2 July 2023 	<p>https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a024000005sTQuAAM&type=certificate</p> <p>http://www.nctforest.com/home.php?page=Quality-ConservationSignificance</p>
9	Traditional and Civil Right	<p>There is no issue related with traditional and civil rights.</p> <p>Covered in NCT Forestry Co-operative Limited FSC Certificate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103 ▪ Scope: Forest Management ▪ Issued by: Soil Association Certification ▪ Expiry date: 2 July 2023 	<p>https://info.fsc.org/details.php?id=a024000005sTQuAAM&type=certificate</p>
10	Compliance to ILO Core Convension	<p>Covered by FSC Certificate:</p> <p>Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103</p> <p>Scope: COC</p> <p>Issued by: Soil Association Certification</p> <p>Expiry Date: 2 July 2023</p>	
11	Work Health and Safety (OHS)	<p>Covered by FSC Certificate:</p> <p>Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103</p> <p>Scope: COC</p> <p>Issued by: Soil Association Certification</p>	

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12	GMO	<p data-bbox="512 327 743 349">Expiry Date: 2 July 2023</p> <p data-bbox="512 353 890 517"> Covered by FSC Certificate: Certificate Number: SA-COC/CW-004103 Scope: COC Issued by: Soil Association Certification Expiry Date: 2 July 2023 </p> <ul data-bbox="512 551 1078 831" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="512 551 1078 663">▪ South Africa has a GMO Act, which does not ban the use of GMO trees for commercial use. Licenses are required to develop GMOs in South Africa, but no licenses have been issued to date in the forestry sector. <li data-bbox="512 667 1078 745">▪ There is no evidence of unauthorized use of GM trees in South Africa and no trials have taken place in the region to date. <li data-bbox="512 750 1078 831">▪ There is no commercial use of GM tree species in South Africa, and no GM licenses have been issued in South Africa for the development of GM trees. 	