

Sabah TLAS Audit Report Principles 5 & 6

Organisation	Tenant: Caslink Sdn. Bhd. 199301007070 (261807-M) Landlord: Hap Seng Property Investment Sdn. Bhd. 198901006336 (183641-A)	Reference #	GFSSBH 004-781
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Statements			
Statement of Compliance	GFS 117 WTP		
Issuance Date	17 February 2025	Expiration Date	17 February 2026

Assessment Details	
Company Type	Moulding, Finger Joint, Furniture, Housing Component, Wood Preservation Plant, Exporter
Scope of Assessment	Sabah TLAS P5-6: JP(T)TW001/2023(X34), JP(T)TW001/15(X07), FDS(TW)(S)010/2019(M), FDS(TW)(E)012/2019(M)
Product Group	Sawn timber, Finger joint, Doors, Frame
Source of Material	Sabah, Malaysia.
Species	Parashorea spp. (White seraya), Shorea spp. (Red seraya, Yellow seraya, Melapi), Sapotaceae (Nyatoh), Eugenia spp. (Obah), Lithocarpus & Quercus (Mempening), Cotylelobium spp. (Resak batu), Dialium indum (KerANJI), Castanopsis motleyana (Berangan), Hopea sangal (Gagil/Merawan) Lauraceae (Medang), Koompassia excelsa (Mengaris/Tualang), Koompassia malaccensis (Impas/Kempas), Syzygium spp. (Jambu-Jambu), Scaphium spp. (Kembang semangkok), Shorea spp. (Oba suluk), Agathis, Dipterocarp spp.(Keruing), Shorea inappendiculata (Selangan batu), Drybalanops spp (Kapur), Pentace spp. (Takalis), Pengiran, Annoaceae spp. (Karai), Geruseh puteh, Eusideroxylon zwageri (Belian), Tristaniopsis merguensis (Pelawan-pelawan),
Lead Assessor	Glory Linggou, Sheanna Kehong (Acting Lead)
Assessor(s)	Merlyne Gerard
SFD Staff	Mazlan Bin Embun (PPD Tawau)

Terms of Assessment
The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance with Caslink Sdn. Bhd. to the criteria within the Sabah Timber Legality Assurance System (TLAS) Principle 5 - Mill Operations and Principle 6 - Trade and Customs standards. Compliance is defined when the organization demonstrates that there is no non-compliance to any applicable criteria. Non-compliance to the Sabah Legality Standard occurs when the organization does not comply with 1 or more criteria. Non-compliance must be formally addressed prior to certification or within 2 months following a surveillance assessment.

Limitations of Assessment

The information presented in this report is based on documentation and other information presented by the client and observations made during the field verification under the assessment. Auditor's reporting of information presented by the client is taken as accurate unless evaluated differently through the observations made during the assessment. All information presented in the report is accurate and complete to the best knowledge of GFS.

Background Information:

Caslink Sdn. Bhd. (Caslink) is, on and from 15/04/1993, incorporated under Companies Act 2016, and is registered in Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia, with registration #: 199301007070 (261807-M). Caslink purchases round logs to produce sawn timber and exports them to Taiwan, Japan & South Korea.

Bestearn Sdn. Bhd. is, on from 27/06/1989, incorporated under Companies Act 2016 and changed its name to Hap Seng Property Investment Sdn. Bhd. (Hap Seng Property Investment) with registration #: 198901006336 (183641-A).

A Tenancy Agreement was made between Hap Seng Property Investment (the Landlord) and Caslink (the Tenant) which the Tenant agrees to use the leased premises for processing and storing of sawn timber only. The agreement was made on 02/11/2023 and the validity of the tenancy was from 01/09/2023 to 31/08/2025.

Associated Organizations & Subcontractors:

Caslink engages Borneo Moulding Sdn. Bhd. to provide kiln dry service. Arus Borneo Sdn. Bhd. as its agent handles export consignments. Agensi Pekerjaan Anika (T) Sabah handles documentation for foreign workers.

Description of the Supply Chain:

From October 2023 to January 2025, Caslink purchased raw materials from the suppliers as below:

Supplier	License	Raw Material	Location	GFS WTP # STCC #	Overall Risk *
Rakyat Berjaya Sdn. Bhd. (Usahawan Borneo Greenwood Sdn. Bhd.)	SFMLA 09/97	Round log	Kalabakan	GFS 096 LVS (24/11/2025)	Low
Sapulut Forest Development Sdn. Bhd.	SFMLA 04/97	Round log	Tibow	GFS 025 LVS (09/07/2025)	Low
Unikarya Trading Sdn. Bhd.	JP(T)TW003/15(X04)	Round log	Tawau	GFS 190 WTP (28/01/2025)	High
Rakyat Berjaya Sdn. Bhd. (Kinsasynergy Sdn. Bhd./Terus Jadi Sdn. Bhd.)	SFMLA 09/97	Round log	Kinabatangan	GFS 178 LVS (28/04/2025)	Low
Benta Wawasan Sdn. Bhd. (Golden Borneo Palm Sdn. Bhd.)	JP(TKA)122/96(CO)	Round log	Kalabakan	GFS 055 LVS (21/01/2025)	High
Rakyat Berjaya Sdn. Bhd. (Megawakid) (FMU 24)	SFMLA 09/97	Round log	Kalabakan	Non-Compliance	High
Rakyat Berjaya Sdn. Bhd. (Pelana) (FMU 25)	SFMLA 09/97	Round log	Serudong	GFS 203 LVS (28/04/2025)	Low
Kalabakan Borneo Resources Sdn. Bhd.	SFMLA 04/2018	Round log	Serudong	Non-Compliance	High

*GFS risk evaluation is based on the risk matrix for Sabah TLAS (VL) materials & products.

Summary Results:

(Major gap = 0, Minor gap = 2, Observation = 2)

GAPs: Year 2025				
GAP #	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
001/2025	minor	5.1.3	New	February 2025: Incorrect recording of sawn timber C/F in online Appendix 1. Inconsistent in recording input in Appendix 7 & species and volume in Appendix C manual and online.
002/2025	minor	5.3.6	New	February 2025: No work safety training was conducted for workers.

*Major = Non-Compliance

Observations: Year 2025		
Obs #	Checklist	Description
001-2025	5.2.1, 6.1.1, 6.1.3	February 2025: Inconsistent in maintaining sales contract.
002-2025	5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5	February 2025: Removal Pass for logs received from Rakyat Berjaya (FMU 25) were not stamped as "Sabah TLAS Compliant" by SFD.

Highlights of Close-Out Visit (if applicable)	Date: -
Not applicable	

Recommendations
<p>Caslink Sdn. Bhd. has demonstrated compliance with the Sabah Standard Principles 5-6 for Chain of Custody and is recommended to receive a GFS Statement of Compliance and Sabah Timber Legality Assurance System Compliance Certificate (TLAS-CC) from SFD.</p> <p>Gap(s)/Observation(s) identified in this assessment should be addressed before the next surveillance visit. Action required to close the gap(s)/observation(s) include:</p> <p>Gap 001/2025 (minor) – Checklist 5.1.3: Caslink shall ensure all data in Appendix manual and online submission are recorded correctly.</p> <p>Gap 002/2025 (minor) – Checklist 5.3.6: Caslink shall conduct work safety training for workers annually.</p> <p>Observation 001-2025 – Checklist 5.2.1, 6.1.1, 6.1.3: Caslink shall maintain all sales contract.</p> <p>Observation 002-2025 – Checklist 5.2.3, 5.2.4, 5.2.5: SFD shall ensure the Removal Pass from licensee that compliant under Sabah TLAS P1-4 (based on GFS website – gfsinc.biz) is stamped as "Sabah TLAS Compliant."</p> <p>The next surveillance visit is scheduled for February 2026.</p>

End of Summary Report