

Sabah TLAS Audit Report Principles 5 & 6

Organisation	Tenant: Ameron Wood Sdn. Bhd. 201601040027 (1210968-W) Landlord: Hap Seng Property Investment Sdn. Bhd. 198901006336 (183641-A)	Reference #	GFSSBH 004-892
Contact Person	Mr. Liew Ken Bing (Manager)	Audit Date	19/11/2025
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Statements

Statement of Compliance	GFS 246 WTP		
Issuance Date	24 November 2025	Expiration Date	23 November 2026

Assessment Details

Company Type	Sawmill, Exporter
Scope of Assessment	Sabah TLAS P5-6: KON(TTW)001/2021(KK), JP(T)TW002/05(B01), FDS(TW)(E)013/2020(MT), FDS(TW)(S)007/2020(MT), SFD(BEP)017/2023
Product Group	Sawn timber
Source of Material	Sabah, Malaysia.
Species	<i>Eusideroxylon zwageri</i> (Belian), <i>Koompassia malaccensis</i> (Impas), <i>Syzygium aqueum</i> (Jambu-jambu), <i>Dialium indum</i> (KerANJI), <i>Intsia palembanica</i> (Merbau), Other Timber (OT), <i>Dryobalanops aromatica</i> (Kapur), <i>Shorea pauciflora</i> (Obah Suluk), <i>Cassia fistula</i> (Golden Powder), <i>Shorea spp.</i> (Red seraya), <i>Pometia pinnata</i> (Kasai), <i>Shorea johorensis</i> (Majau), <i>Hopea sangal Korth.</i> (Gagil), <i>Cotylelobium lanceolatum</i> (Resak batu)
Lead Assessor	Ennald Chin
Assessor(s)	Sheanna Kehong
SFD Staff	Mangumba Patiroi (PPD Tawau)

Terms of Assessment

The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance with Ameron Wood 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:

Ameron Wood Sdn. Bhd. (Ameron Wood) is, on and from 01/12/2016, incorporated under Companies Act 2016, and is registered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with registration #: 201601040027 (1210968-W). Ameron Wood purchased logs and sawn timber locally, produces sawn timber for the local market and exports to China.

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). Hap Seng Property Investment leased Sawmill A including sawmill machineries and equipment to Ameron Wood for sawn timber production.

The previous assessment was conducted in December 2024 that resulted in 3 gap(s) and 1 observation(s) (Report #: GFSSBH 004-759).

Associated Organizations & Subcontractors:

Ameron Wood does not engage any sub-contractor to manufacture products. Ameron Wood has an agent, Arus Borneo Sdn. Bhd. to handle export documents.

Description of the Supply Chain:

From November 2024 to October 2025, Ameron Wood purchased raw materials from the suppliers as below:

Supplier	License	Raw Material	Location	GFS WTP # STCC #	Overall Risk *
Sri Jomatsu Sdn. Bhd.	JP(N)NN014/07(B01)	Sawn Timber	Keningau	GFS 166 WTP (09/02/2026)	Low
Kalabakan Borneo Resources Sdn. Bhd.	SFMLA04/2018TWU04/2022	Logs	Serudong	GFS 175 LVS (27/07/2026)	Low
Hormat Jadi Sdn. Bhd.	SFMLA09/1997TWU05/2023-5348TWU0782023-5347	Logs	Kalabakan	GFS 209 LVS (24/08/2026)	Low
Hasrat Gagah Sdn. Bhd.	SFMLA09/97	Logs	Sandakan	GFS 101 LVS (23/12/2025)	Low
J&W Wood Supply	JPHTN (FIIB)(SLK)2025	Sawn Timber	Lahad Datu	-	High
CHK Enterprise Sdn. Bhd.	PG/SDK02/2017	Sawn Timber	Sandakan	GFS 234 WTP (27/07/2026)	Low
Lebihasil Sdn. Bhd.	SFMLA/01/05	Logs	Sandakan	GFS 007 LVS (23/02/2026)	Low
Veisheng Timber Sdn. Bhd.	-	Logs	Sandakan	Non-Compliance	High

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

Summary Results:

(Major gap = 0, Minor gap = 1, Observation = 4)

GAPs: Year 2025				
GAP #	Type	Checklist	Status	Description
001/2024	minor	5.2.11	Closed	<p>December 2024: No batch number and status identification on WIP as per COC procedures.</p> <p>November 2025: The Sabah TLAS status was identified on the WIP as per the CoC procedure.</p>
002/2024	minor	5.3.6, 5.3.7	Closed	<p>December 2024: No work training provided to workers and signage as Safety First, No Smoking and Assembly Point were not displayed and no PPE distribution records.</p> <p>November 2025: Work training & PPE were provided to workers and signage as Safety First, No Smoking and Assembly Point were displayed.</p>

003/2024	minor	6.1.5	Closed	<p>December 2024: Sales invoices and packing lists for Sabah TLAS products did not reference Sabah TLAS Compliance Certificate number.</p> <p>November 2025: No Sales of Sabah TLAS products.</p>
001/2025	minor	5.3.2	New	<p>November 2025: The JTK license has expired and COI for several workers were misplaced.</p>

*Major = Non-Compliance

Observations: Year 2025		
Obs #	Checklist	Description
001-2024 Addressed	5.3.2, 5.3.3	<p>December 2024: No employment agreement for workers.</p> <p>November 2025: Employment agreement has been established for workers.</p>
001-2025	5.1.3	<p>November 2025: Discrepancy in volume between Arrival Book and Removal Pass volume.</p>
002-2025	5.2.1, 6.1.1, 6.1.2	<p>November 2025: Purchase Orders do not reference Sabah TLAS status being purchased.</p>
003-2025	5.3.5	<p>November 2025: Inconsistent in contributing EPF monthly contribution for workers and JKPP 8 was not submitted for 2024.</p>
004-2025	6.4.1	<p>November 2025: Inconsistent in recording monthly sales for products under Non-TLAS.</p>

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

Recommendations
<p>Ameron Wood 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 5.3.2: Ameron Wood shall ensure the JTK license renewed annually and COI for workers were maintained. Ameron Wood shall make a police report and inform SFD regarding misplaced COI.</p> <p>Observation 001-2025 – Checklist 5.1.3: Ameron Wood shall ensure the volume between Arrival Book, Appendix 1 are correctly recorded against the Removal Pass.</p> <p>Observation 002-2025 – Checklist 5.2.1, 6.1.1, 6.1.2: Purchase orders should reference the Sabah TLAS status for materials being purchased.</p> <p>Observation 003-2025 - Checklist 5.3.5: Ameron Wood must contribute EPF for workers monthly and submit the JKPP 8 annually by 31st January.</p> <p>Observation 004-2025 – Checklist 6.4.1: Monthly sales should be recorded correctly.</p> <p>The next surveillance visit is scheduled for November 2026.</p>

End of Summary Report