

Sabah TLAS Audit Report Principles 5 & 6

Organisation	Rich Bay Corporation Sdn. Bhd. 199001006458 (198028-M)	Reference #	GFSSBH 004-617
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Statements

Audit Statement #	GFS 277 WTP		
Issuance Date	26 February 2024	Expiration Date	25 February 2025

Assessment Details

Company Type	Importer and Exporter
Scope of Assessment	Sabah TLAS P5-6: FDS(KK)(E)009/2019 & FDS(KK)(I)024/2019
Product Group	Sawn timber & plywood
Source of Material	Sabah, Sarawak – Malaysia.
Species	Parashorea spp. (White seraya), Shorea spp. (Red seraya, Yellow seraya, Selangan batu), Dryobalanops sp. (Kapur), MLH (Keruing), OT (Other timber).
Lead Assessor	Anne Gimbir
Assessor(s)	Vanessa Abin
FDS Staff	Jepri Ibrahim (PPD KK)

Terms of Assessment

The scope of the evaluation is to verify compliance of Rich Bay Corporation 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 are 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 of knowledge of GFS.

Background Information:

Rich Bay Corporation Sdn. Bhd. (Rich Bay Corporation) is registered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with registration #: 199001006458 (198028-M). Rich Bay Corporation purchases sawn timber & plywood for the surrounding area and exports sawn timber only to Mauritius.

The previous assessment was conducted in February 2023 that resulted in 2 gap(s) and 0 observation(s) (Report #: GFSSBH 004-458).

Associated Organizations & Subcontractors:

Rich Bay Corporation engaged GFM World Services Agency to provide one foreign worker and Maju Agency as an agent to handle export documents.

Description of the Supply Chain:

From February 2023 to January 2024, Rich Bay Corporation purchased raw materials from the suppliers as below:

Supplier	License	Raw Material	Location	GFS WTP # STCC #	Overall Risk *
Inspiration Furniture Sdn. Bhd.	FDS(KK)(E)076/2019	Sawn timber	Kota Kinabalu	GFS 198 WTP (23/04/2024)	Low
Kim Guan Impex Sdn Bhd	Not Stated	Plywood	Kota Kinabalu	GFS 258 WTP (25/12/2024)	High
Soonlinmas Sdn Bhd	Not stated	Plywood	Kota Kinabalu	GFS 261 WTP (04/02/2025)	Low
Apeca Sdn. Bhd. (R & N Timber Industries Sdn. Bhd.)	J(N)KG019/00(X04)R	Sawn timber	Keningau	GFS 118 WTP (07/05/2024)	Low
NWP Industries Sdn. Bhd. (Tiong & Chun Enterprise)	JP(N)KG001/18(X49)	Sawn timber	Papar	GFS 092 WTP (28/05/2024)	Low
Sogoraya Sdn Bhd	JP(K)SG021/01/B01	Sawn timber	Kota Kinabalu	GFS 104 WTP (14/05/2024)	Low
Prima Solid Sdn. Bhd.	Not stated	Sawn timber	Sarawak	-	High
Bonusoon Wood Sdn Bhd	Not stated	Plywood	Kota Kinabalu	GFS 240 WTP (25/12/2024)	Low
Grace Destiny Sdn. Bhd.	Not stated	Sawn timber	Sarawak	-	High
Maybell Sdn. Bhd. [Top Access (Sarawak) Timber Merchant Sdn. Bhd.]	Not stated	Sawn timber	Sarawak	-	High
Biomass Majujaya Sdn. Bhd.	JP(N)KG003/18(X62)	Sawn timber	Keningau	GFS 241 WTP (30/07/2024)	Low
Woodlands Timber Sdn Bhd	JP(N)KG001/18(X49)	Sawn timber	Keningau	GFS 109 WTP (01/10/2024)	Low
Akil Jutamas Sdn. Bhd	JP(K)BT001/19(X04)	Sawn timber	Sipitang	GFS 125 WTP (17/12/2024)	Low

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

Summary Results:

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

GAPs: Year 2024					
GAP #	Type	Checklist	Status	Description	
002/2022	minor	5.3.2 5.3.7 5.3.8	Closed	<p>February 2022: No evidence of training on safety and fire in 2020 - 2021 for warehouse workers.</p> <p>February 2023: Rich Bay Corporation has yet to conduct safety & fire training and fire extinguisher. One fire extinguisher expired and not accessible. Signage "Assembly Point" is not assigned in the warehouse.</p> <p>February 2024: Rich Bay Corporation conducted fire training for workers.</p>	

001/2023	minor	5.3.1 5.3.5	Closed	<p>February 2023: No sub-contractor agreement between Rich Bay Corporation with the agent providing temporary workers including SOCSO registration and contribution.</p> <p>February 2024: Rich Bay Corporation has an agreement with the agent.</p>
001/2024	minor	5.2.2	New	<p>February 2024: Removal passes were not stamped as “used” by the SFD.</p>

*Major = Non-Compliance

Observations: Year 2024

Obs #	Checklist	Description
001-2024	6.3.2 6.3.3	<p>February 2024: Removal pass was not maintained in the office.</p>

Highlights of Close-Out Visit (if applicable)

Date: -

Not applicable

Recommendations

Rich Bay Corporation Sdn. Bhd. has demonstrated compliance with the Sabah Standard Principles 5-6 for Chain of Custody and is eligible to receive a GFS Statement of Compliance and Sabah Timber Legality Assurance System Compliance Certificate (TLAS-CC) from SFD.

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:

Gap 001/2024 (minor) – Checklist 5.2.2: The SFD and Rich Bay Corporation shall ensure removal pass is stamped as “used.”

Observation 001-2024 – Checklist 6.3.2: Rich Bay Corporation should maintain removal passes.

The next surveillance visit is scheduled for February 2025.

End of Summary Report