

SEC'S ENHANCED SINGAPORE GREEN LABELLING SCHEME IS FIRST TO RECEIVE ISO/IEC 17065 ACCREDITATION FOR CERTIFYING GREEN PRODUCTS

Singapore, 7 May 2019: The Singapore Environment Council's (SEC) has been awarded ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation for its enhanced Singapore Labelling Scheme (SGLS) certification under pulp and paper category, the first NGO certifying body to receive the accreditation.

SEC pioneered the enhanced SGLS. The ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation is further validation that SEC's enhanced SGLS processes are based on impartial, independent, sound, reliable risk management profiling. This ensures that corporate governance at Board and management levels are owned.

The accreditation process has seen SEC's certification procedures and operating processes audited against the highest international standards that certification programmes can be exposed to. With the ISO 17065 accreditation, SEC's enhanced SGLS now has the distinction of being the first such certification in the world to receive this accolade.

The enhanced SGLS uses a comprehensive risk management profiling to complement its more extensive qualification criteria, especially in fire management and peatland management. This enables SEC to provide full risk management profiling to systematically review practices and enable surveillance over the entire supply chain management of the pulp and paper applicants, which includes plantations, mills, secondary mills, products and distributors.

Ms Jen Teo, Executive Director, Singapore Environment Council, said: "The ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation is another international milestone for SEC as the enhanced SGLS validates and upholds standards in accordance with international accreditation. Overall, SEC's Green Labelling Scheme is a globally recognised certification already under the Global Ecolabelling Network. Once the product is green labelled, it is recognised in over 40 countries.

“SEC has also applied for the International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labelling Alliance (ISEAL) accreditation this year, and it will be the next milestone to validate our good practices and endorse SEC’s open, rigorous and accessible certification system. It validates especially the surveillance of social aspects of businesses.”

The enhanced SGLS for pulp and paper category was launched in January 2017 in response to the absence of peatland management and fire management in this category. Along with the enhanced criteria, a risk management profiling is adopted in assessing companies’ practices and standards. Companies that do not keep within the guidelines and requirements may have its certification temporarily restricted or revoked.

Eight global companies from various countries have been certified under the enhanced SGLS. They have demonstrated a commitment to transparency in their supply chains, as well as meeting high standards of sustainable forestry which includes adopting good peatland management and committing to investments and processes for the early detection and suppression of fires when they occur.

Another five companies have submitted applications for pulp and paper products and are currently undergoing the enhanced SGLS evaluation process, in addition to other companies outside Singapore which have also made enquiries on SEC’s Green Label certification.

The tougher green labelling scheme incorporates internationally recognised best practices in creating the criteria. SEC’s Green Label certification incorporates relevant International Organization for Standardization environmental management standards, forestry standards such as those equivalent to Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), fire management¹ standards from Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series 18001 (OHSAS 18001) and peatland management to address pertinent issues relating to planting on peatland.

“We believe our set of criteria for enhanced SGLS for pulp and paper category is already amongst the most stringent in the world. It is benchmarked against other countries with tough environmental labelling standards, such as the European Union (EU), Australia, New Zealand and Japan, and uses a risk-based evaluation system to complement its more

¹ Fire management includes fire prevention, preparation, suppression and recovery.

extensive qualification criteria,” said Liow Chean Siang, Head, Environmental Certifications, Singapore Environment Council.

Singapore Environment Council is the only eco-labelling body in Singapore that is a member of the Global Eco-labelling Network (GEN) whose mandate since inception in 1994 is to improve, promote, and develop the eco-labelling of products and services. Only environmentally friendly products and services proven to have lower environmental impact may carry a GEN member ecolabel.

To date, SEC has achieved several accreditations from internationally recognised standards bodies. In 2017 its SGLS was successfully audited by the Global Eco-labelling Network, meeting ISO 14024 standards for the GENICES accreditation. In 2018, SEC was awarded accreditation to the United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) and became Singapore’s first environmental non-government organisation to achieve the accolade. In September 2018, SEC had received the ISO/ IEC 17065 accreditation earlier for paints and coatings due to the high level of corporate governance it administers in assessing and certifying the products thus setting the foundation for the scope for pulp and paper products.

Singapore Environment Council’s SGLS certification began in 1992 and endorses industrial and consumer products that are produced in an environmentally-friendly manner across a range of categories, from office machines to detergents, hygiene products, packaging to paints, surface coatings and building products.

SEC has eco-certified 3,800 products from 770 international and local companies, marketed in over 40 countries including Malaysia, Indonesia, China and the United States.

Singapore Environment Council, through its three key pillars namely awards and accolades, eco-label certification programmes and training and education, recognises environmental stewardship among corporates, students and journalists, and educate and empower them to take action on sustainability and waste management.

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ABOUT THE SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

Established in 1995, the Singapore Environment Council (SEC) is an independently managed, non-profit and non-governmental organisation (NGO). As Singapore's first United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)-accredited environmental NGO, we influence thinking of sustainability issues and coordinate environmental efforts in the nation.

Strong partnerships with corporations, government agencies and other NGOs are valued by us. These partnerships are vital for sustaining our programmes, leading to positive action and change. Over the years, SEC has given strength and direction to the environmental movement in Singapore.

SEC has most recently been awarded ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation for its enhanced Singapore Labelling Scheme (SGLS) certification under paints and coatings and pulp and paper categories

In the future, SEC is considering incorporating assistance in Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) reporting to help clients understand and communicate impacts on issues relating to climate change, human rights and corruption.

We are also an approved charity and offer tax exemption to donors. SEC continuously engages all sectors of the community by formulating and executing a range of holistic programmes, such as the Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards, Asian Environmental Journalism Awards, School Green Awards, Singapore Green Labelling Scheme, Project: Eco-Office, Project: Eco-Shop and Project: Eco-F&B. In addition, we build a pool of committed volunteers under our Earth Helpers programme. Our Training and Education arm provides the people, public and private sectors with the opportunity to develop awareness, knowledge, skills and tools in order to protect and improve our environment for a sustainable future.

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新加坡环境理事会简介

新加坡环境理事会（SEC），成立于 1995 年，是非政府组织（NGO），也是非盈利机构。我们致力于推广新加坡可持续发展项

目同时协调环境改善事务。在 2018 年，新加坡环境理事会被联合国环境规划署授予认证。

我们是一个获得认可的慈善机构，捐赠者可享受税务优惠。通过举办一系列整体项目如新加坡环境成就奖 (Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards)、亚洲环境新闻奖 (Asian Environmental Journalism Awards)、SEC-星和校园绿化奖 (SEC-StarHub School Green Awards)、新加坡绿色标签计划 (Singapore Green Labelling Scheme)、绿化办公室计划 (Project: Eco-Office)、绿化商店计划 (Project: Eco-Shop) 和绿化餐饮计划 (Project: Eco-F&B)，新加坡环境理事会持续在社会各个领域发挥作用。

通过志愿环保战士 (Earth Helpers) 项目新加坡环境理事会组织了一支队伍协助和改善环境。我们的培训与教学部门旨在提高人民、政府部门及社会各领域的环保意识，知识与技能，并提供相关教材。多年以来，新加坡环境理事会一直支持并引导着新加坡的环保运动，通过与企业、政府机构和其他非政府组织建立密切的合作关系以更积极的行动达成改善环境的远景，这对于我们项目的可持续发展是至关重要的。

Appendix A

LIST OF PULP AND PAPER PRODUCTS CERTIFIED UNDER THE ENHANCED SINGAPORE GREEN LABELLING SCHEME

No.	Company	Brand	Product Description
1	Kimberly-Clark Products (M) Sdn Bhd	Scott®	Bath Tissue
		Scott®	Bath Towel
		Scott®	Facial Tissue
		Scott®	Napkin
		Scott®	Towel
		Kleenex®	Bath Tissue
		Kleenex®	Facial Tissue
		Kleenex®	Napkin
		Kleenex®	Towel
		WyPAII	Wiper
2	Fuji Xerox Singapore	FUJI XEROX BUSINESS	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		FUJI XEROX PERFORMER	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		FUJI XEROX PROFESSIONAL	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
3	UPM (China) Co Ltd	UPM OFFICE	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		UPM YES	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
4	Scanpap (Asia Pacific) Pte Ltd	PREFER	Hygiene Paper
		SCANDEX	Hygiene Paper
5	April International Enterprise Pte Ltd	PAPERONE DIGITAL	80GSM/85GSM/100GSM Printing Paper
		PAPERONE ALL PURPOSE	75GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		PAPERONE COPIER	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
		PERFECT PRINT	70GSM/80GSM Printing Paper

		PP LITE	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Printing Paper
6	Sunlight Paper Products Pte Ltd	SUNLIGHT	JUMBO ROLL TISSUE, TOILET ROLL- JRC 001,
		SUNLIGHT	FOLDED HAND TOWEL, HAND TOWEL ROLL, HYGIENE WIPES – PHT- 001
7	Yeong Chaur Shing Paper Mill Sdn Bhd	BELUX	TOILET TISSUE, JUMBO ROLL TISSUE(JRT), HAND ROLL TISSUE(HRT), KITCHEN TOWEL, NAPKIN
8	Canon Singapore Pte Ltd	CANON BUSINESS PAPER	70GSM/ 80GSM Printing Paper
		CANON STANDARD PAPER	70GSM/ 80GSM Printing Paper

Appendix B



ACCREDITATION SCHEME FOR
PRODUCT CERTIFICATION BODIES

Number : PD-2018-20
Date of Issue : 24 September 2018
Date of Expiry : 23 September 2022

Certificate of Accreditation

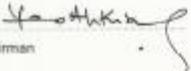
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for specific scope as detailed in the attached schedule.


Chairman

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