

SINGAPORE ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL AWARDS APP ITS ENHANCED SINGAPORE GREEN LABELLING SCHEME FOR PULP AND PAPER

Singapore, 16 May 2019: The Singapore Environment Council (SEC) has awarded Asia Pulp and Paper (APP) its enhanced Singapore Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS) certification under pulp and paper category.

SEC pioneered the enhanced SGLS and was recently awarded ISO/IEC 17065:2012 accreditation for its processes which are based on impartial, independent, sound and reliable risk management profiling, making SEC the first NGO certifying body in the world to receive this accolade.

APP joins eight other global companies which had earlier received enhanced SGLS certifications for their pulp and paper products. 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 made enquiries on SEC's enhanced Green Label certification.

On the companies which have received the enhanced SGLS certification, Ms Isabella Huang-Loh, Chairman, Singapore Environment Council, said: "We have certified that all nine companies are in compliance with the requirements of our ISO 17065 compliant audit and risk management framework certification. This framework allows companies to achieve continual robust corporate governance in their activities, from plantations to mills and distribution of their products safely. It includes fire management, peatland management as well as village welfare.

“Our enhanced set of criteria is also benchmarked against the International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labelling Alliance (ISEAL) Codes of Good Practice to ensure that companies certified have achieved high environmental standards. We encourage more companies to join these nine companies in applying for our enhanced SGLS certification.”

The enhanced SGLS uses a comprehensive risk management profiling to complement its more extensive qualification criteria, especially in fire management and peatland management. It enables SEC to provide full risk management profiling to systematically review practices, enabling surveillance over the entire supply chain management of pulp and paper applicants which includes plantations, mills, secondary mills, products and distributors. (*See Appendix A for Applicant’s Audit and Risk Management Framework*)

Certified products are subjected to an objective evaluation including extensive ground audits and undergo rigorous checks. During the process of certification, companies need to demonstrate they comply with each of the 25 audit criteria under the enhanced scheme. SEC also encourages companies to address existing gaps or risks.

Mr Zech Chan, Chairman of the Green Label Steering Committee, Singapore Environment Council, added: “The current certification is based on audit findings of APP’s supply chain stakeholders, conducted in 2018 and 2019 as part of the process for the enhanced SGLS. APP’s pulp and paper products have been certified based primarily on current practices, not on the past.

“SEC believes that it is important to engage and recognise the efforts of all companies which have worked hard at being awarded our enhanced SGLS certification. We have seen improvements of about 5-10% in water and energy savings over the past two years in a number of the companies and we will continue to monitor their responsibilities on mitigation of climatic change.”

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 comprehensive risk management profiling is adopted in assessing companies' practices and standards. Companies which do not keep within the guidelines and requirements may have their certification temporarily restricted or revoked.

The comprehensive green labelling scheme incorporates criteria based on current internationally recognised best practices. SEC's enhanced SGLS certification incorporates relevant International Organization for Standardization (ISO) environmental management standards, global forestry management standards, fire management standards from Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series 18001 (OHSAS 18001) and peatland management to address pertinent issues relating to planting on peatlands.

SEC's enhanced SGLS requires companies to improve their peatland management and commit to the early detection and suppression of fires when they occur. Companies must also comply with the existing requirement of zero-burning on their plantations.

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

*Please see attached Appendix B for list of companies and products with enhanced SGLS certification.

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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 Green Labelling Scheme (SGLS) certification under pulp and paper category.

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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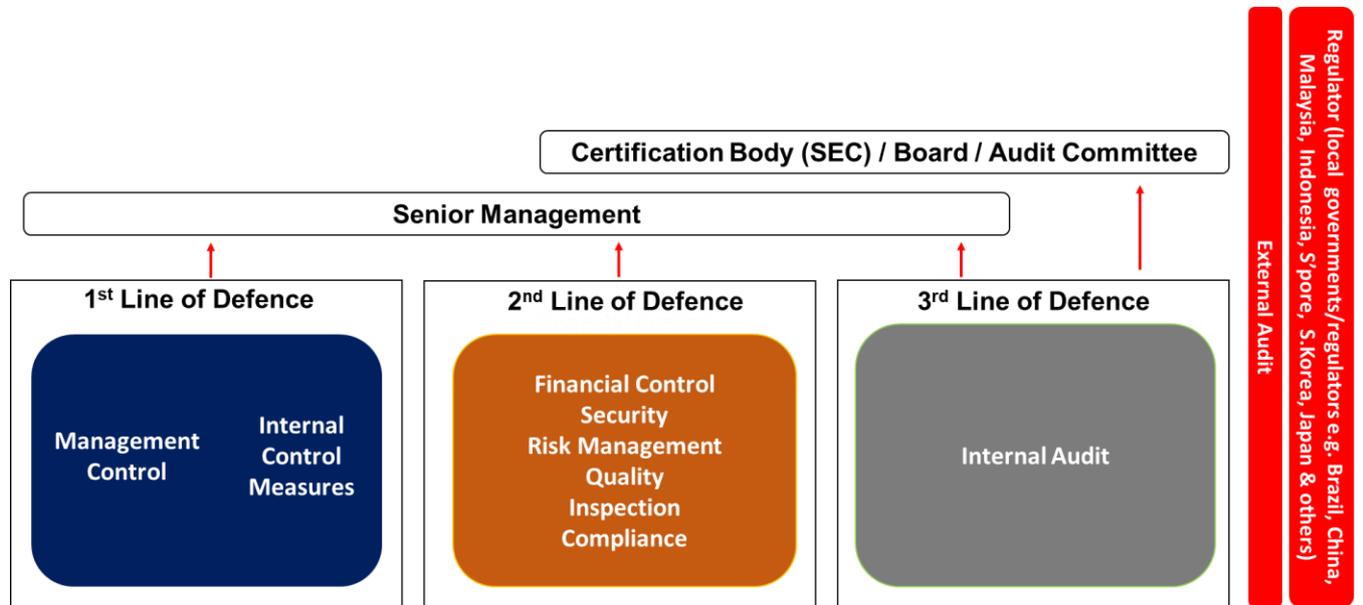
我们是一个获得认可的慈善机构，捐赠者可享有税务优惠。通过举办一系列整体项目如新加坡环境成就奖 (Singapore Environmental Achievement Awards)、亚洲环境新闻奖 (Asian Environmental Journalism Awards)、SEC-星和校园绿化奖 (SEC-StarHub School Green Awards)、新加坡绿色标签计划 (Singapore Green Labelling Scheme)、绿化办公室计划 (Project: Eco-Office)、绿化商店计划 (Project: Eco-Shop) 和绿化餐饮计划 (Project: 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。

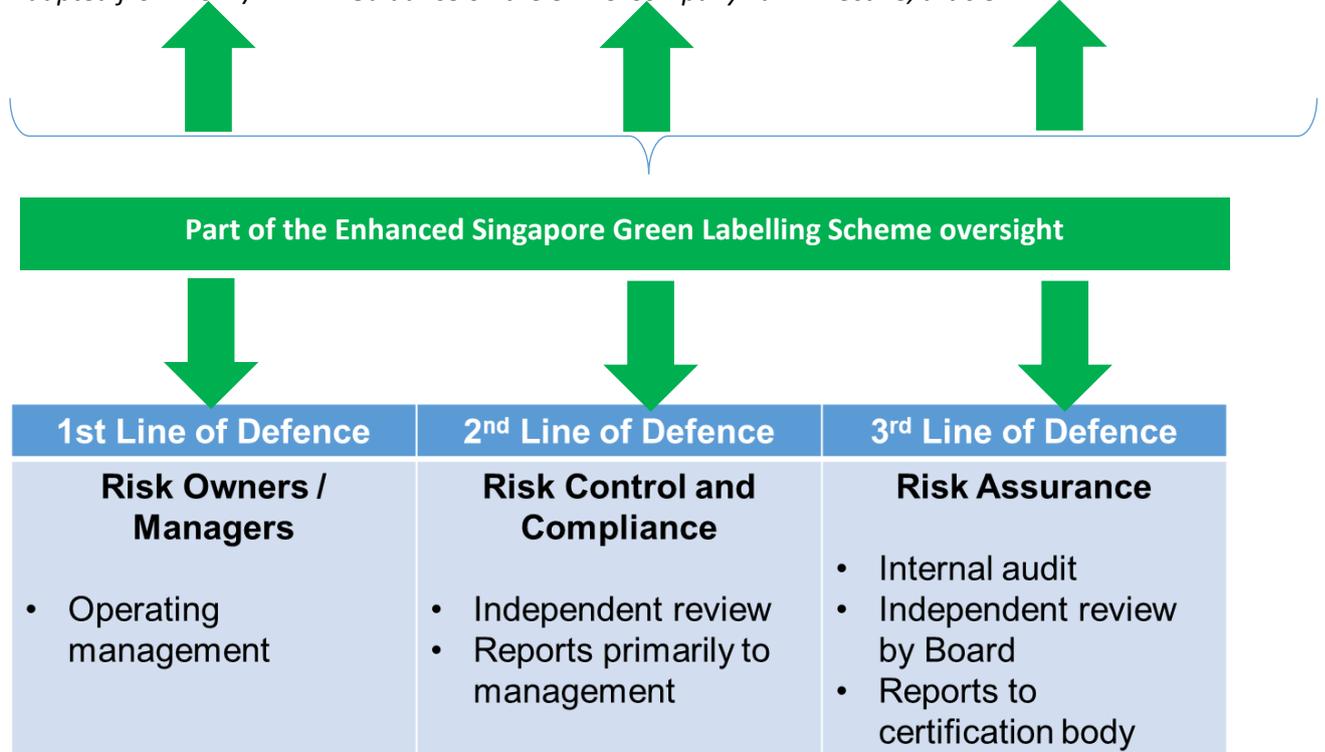
Appendix A

Applicant's Audit and Risk Management Framework

The Three Lines of Defence Model



Adapted from ECIIA/FERMA Guidance on the 8th EU Company Law Directive, article 41



Appendix B

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
		WyPAIL	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		PAPERONE DIGITAL	80GSM/85GSM/100GSM Printing Paper
		PAPERONE ALL PURPOSE	75GSM/80GSM Printing Paper

	April International Enterprise Pte Ltd	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
9	Asia Pulp and Paper	IK Copy	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Photocopy Paper
		E-paper	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Photocopy Paper
		Paperline Global	70GSM/75GSM/80GSM Photocopy Paper
		Livi	Tissue Paper
		Paseo	Tissue Paper
		Nice	Tissue Paper
		Jolly	Tissue Paper
		Excelpro	Recycled Photocopy Paper
		Exceedo	Recycled Photocopy Paper