



## Forest management certification/monitoring audit/re-certification report

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<b>Certificate number:</b>	<b><i>TT-PEFC-FM006</i></b>
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<b>Used standards:</b>	<b>PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard (PEFC Eesti Rahvuslik Metsamajandamise Standard, 10.08.2015)</b>

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## 1. Audit team description

<b>Lead auditor (Name, Surname):</b>	Björn Sild
Brief description of experience, compliance with the status	M.Sc in Forest Management from the Estonian University of Life and Sciences. Main field of expertise forest management operations and tracking of wood flow. ISO 9001 certification, CoC lead auditor certification & FM auditor.
<b>Auditor (Name, Surname):</b>	
Brief description of experience, compliance with the status	

## 2. Description of the certification candidate's activity

<b>Title of the forest management organization, legal status, contact information</b>
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<b>Management objectives defined in Forest managements plan</b>
<p>Forest management certification according to the PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard for Group Certification.</p> <p>Each member of the group defines the objectives of the forest management. For most members of the group the aim of forest management is to earn income. Forest management is planned and carried out based on the current legislation (in particular the Forest Act) and PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard. According to the PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard every organization (member) has to have valid forest management plans, which describe the condition of the forest and planned work (according to the Forest Act, the works described in the forest management plans are not mandatory, rather recommended).</p>
<b>Description of the organisational structure of forest management implementation</b>
<p>Group certificate, with certificate holder as MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit (EEML).</p> <p>EEML performs the reception of the members, management of the membership and related information, annual reporting, assessment of the members and suspension of the membership. Inspection and monitoring of the following of certificate scope and requirements are managed according to the established procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- agreement between the members of the group and EEML</li> <li>- instructions for completing the checklist</li> <li>- work arrangements of the EEML's PEFC group-certificate control group and control unit</li> <li>- internal control and work arrangements of EEML's PEFC group-certificate members</li> <li>- evaluation of non-compliances and weaknesses of EEML's PEFC group-certificate members</li> <li>- corrective actions for the non-conformities and weaknesses found at internal audit</li> <li>- internal audit plan</li> </ul>

- conduction of first internal control of EEML`s PEFC group-certificate members
- relevant documentation list for internal control of EEML`s PEFC group-certificate members

EEML group-certificate members at January 2018 - 96 members (206708,8 ha).

The forest area covered with the scope of the certificate is located across Estonia (distributed according to the areas managed by the members). EEML has an overview of the managed forest lands, member based register (property, county, municipality, number of the cadastral, ha).

Minimum once a year each member has to update the information.

**Managed area distribution by species and age groups**

In relation to the group-certificate the distribution of managed land by the group members might vary of species and age groups for every group member. Exact information of the group member is gathered and recorded into tables of which summarized tables are created and hold up to date.

Group members forest land proportion by tree species is following:

Pine - 20%

Spruce - 14%

Birch - 40%

Aspen - 8%

Grey alder - 10%

Black alder - 5%

Others-3%

Proportion by species by age group are following:

Treeless areas – 11%

Undetermined areas – 6%

Young stands – 22%

Pole stands – 6%

Middle age stands – 25%

Premature stands – 10%

Mature stands – 20%

**Final felling performance**

The main felling type is regeneration cutting, which forms 86% of the total conducted cuttings. The rest is improvement cuttings.

Most of the main cuttings (regeneration and improvement) are carried out using harvester type machines Depending on the situation timber jacks are used for improvement cuttings.

Period 2017			
Regeneration cuttings		Improvement cuttings	
823877 cbm	86%	131870 cbm	14%

**Forest non-timber products and services**

For non-wood forest products and -services collaboration with hunting clubs can be brought out, with whom the group-certificate members have concluded agreements accordingly. Reporting is not kept for other non-wood forest products and these are not used directly for earning income.

Foraging (mushrooms, berries etc.) is not limited.

**General description of the forest management system**

The system and control of the forest management according to PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard is performed through EEML (procedures - see above the description of organizational

structure for execution of forest management).

For each group-certificate member is given the access to the relevant documents (PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard, the Forest Act, Nature Conservation act etc.), which is the basis for performing forest management and related operations (forest regeneration, cutting, maintenance and protection etc).

EEML collects and maintains summary information on executed cuttings, re-forestation, forest area, protected species etc. by each member. Every year the internal control (internal audits) of the randomly selected members is conducted by EEML, it includes the evaluation of the management system, documentation and field audits. The purpose of the internal audits is to evaluate member`s compliance to the currently valid legislation and documents (including subcontractors control by the members). EEML has developed and documented relevant procedures for execution of the internal audit, recording the results and further improvements. All members are checked at least once within the 5 year validity period of the certificate.

EEML informs, trains (if necessary & possible) and provides additional information (seminars, brochures) regarding the various aspects of forest management.

Forest management limitations 2017	
Springs, groundwater areas	4,7 ha
Beach and bank areas	2087,25 ha
Strict nature protection and conservation areas	75,24 ha
Nature reserve areas	145,45 ha
Limited nature protection areas	15594,92 ha
Key Habitat areas and buffer zones	544,58 ha
Potential key habitat areas	23,46 ha

### 3. Management structure description

- Single Certificate **(Delete table below if single certificate)**
- Group Certificate – Separate group member file attached with audit pack.

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Note: When calculating the number of group members to be visited (X) table below should be used:

No.	Size class	Main evaluation	Surveillance eval.	Re-evaluation
1.	<100 ha	$X = 0.6 \cdot \sqrt{y}$	$X = 0.5 \cdot \sqrt{y}$	$X = 0.5 \cdot \sqrt{y}$
2.	100-1,000 ha	$X = 0.8 \cdot \sqrt{y}$	$X = 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{y}$	$X = 0.7 \cdot \sqrt{y}$
3.	1,000 – 10,000 ha	$X = 0.3 \cdot y$	$X = 0.2 \cdot y$	$X = 0.2 \cdot y$
4.	>10,000 ha	$X = y$	$X = 0.5 \cdot y$	$X = 0.5 \cdot y$

When calculating the number of group members to be visited (X), X must be rounded to the upper whole number. Although each group member may not be visited during each audit, every unit (except size Class No.1) must be visited at least once during the 5 year cycle of the certificate.

### Sampling of New Group Members

If new group members are added to the certificate after the main evaluation has already taken place, these new properties will be evaluated at the sampling rate of a main evaluation.

## 4. Annual audit route and events

<b>Date:</b> 05.02.2018		
<b>Forest management unit / Location / objects</b>	<b>Activities / comments</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Veadla (90001:003:1140)	Compartments 6 – clearcut in 2015 + planting in 2016. Marking of borders, soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and availability. Compartment 7 – Shelterwood cut in 2016. Field visits did not evidence any non-conformities.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Teet Paju (Metsatalu OÜ)
Kassinurme (24802:006:0305)	Compartments 9 – clearcut in 2017. Marking of borders, soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and availability. Compartment 6,8, 25 – thinning in 2017, no damaged trees. Field visits did not evidence any non-conformities.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Teet Paju (Metsatalu OÜ)
<b>Date:</b> 06.02.2018		
<b>Forest management unit / Location / objects</b>	<b>Activities / comments</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Ringuta (50403:001:0063)	Compartments 3,4,5 – clearcut in 2017. Marking of borders, soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and availability.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Margo Visnu (Am Est Haldus)
<b>Date:</b> 07.02.2018		
<b>Forest management unit / Location / objects</b>	<b>Activities / comments</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Sassi (88402:002:0561)	Compartments 9,13,14,15,20,21,23,26,29,34 – clearcut in 2016. Marking of borders, soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and	Björn Sild – Auditor; Meelis Meigo (Eremka OÜ)



	availability. Compartments 2,3,5,6,7,8,10,11,16,18 – Shelterwood cut in 2016. Compartments 1 and 12 – Thinnings in 2016, no damaged trees. Field visits did not evidence any non-conformities.	
Annitmetsa (50403:002:0178)	Compartments 1,5,8,9 and 10 – clearcut in 2015. Marking of borders, soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and availability. Compartment 2,7,11,12 and 13 – thinnings in 2015, no damaged trees. Field visits did not evidence any non- conformities.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Meelis Meigo (Karo Mets OÜ)
Pihelga (29202:003:00006)	Strict nature protection area no forestry work carried out.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Meelis Meigo (Karo Mets OÜ)
<b>Date:</b> 08.02.2018		
<b>Forest management unit / Location / objects</b>	<b>Activities / comments</b>	<b>Participants</b>
Mõisaküla (10501:004:0141)	Compartments 4 and 5 – ongoing thinning. Marking of borders, soil conditions ok, no damaged standing trees. Forestry workers (with chainsaws) Intars Bokmanis, Eduard Bokmanis and Eduard Lääts – controlled during the audit health and safety equipment available and controlled. They all have over 20 years experience in forestry work. First aid kit, helmet, mobilephone charged and available.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Ronald Lääne (Rainert RL OÜ)
Korvi (89801:001:0594) and Riido (62902:001:1110)	Key Habitat area and buffer zone of <i>Clanga pomarina</i> . No forestry work carried out.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Margus Veldemann (Roger Puit AS)
Suure- Anni (87001:004:0640)	Compartments 3 and 4 – ongoing clear- cutting. Marking of borders, soil conditions ok. Ecological and seed trees health and availability. Martin Jürisoo harvester operator interviewed during the audit and health and safety equipment controlled. Fire extinguishers valid til 2018 september. Martin has passed harvester operator course in Luua forestry school 5 years ago. First aid kit, helmet, mobilephone charged and available, absorbent and bags for trash available	Björn Sild – Auditor; Margus Veldemann (Roger Puit AS)
Puisitee (19201:001:0064)	Compartment 4 - clearcut in 2017. Marking of borders, soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and availability	Björn Sild – Auditor; Margus Veldemann (Roger Puit AS)
Koigi (19201:002:0490)	Compartment 1 - clearcut in 2017. Marking of borders, soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and availability	Björn Sild – Auditor; Margus Veldemann (Roger Puit AS)
Kukru (62903:001:0920)	Compartment 14 – Key habitat. Key habitat number - VEP nr.123002	Björn Sild – Auditor; Margus Veldemann (Roger Puit AS)
Puiatu suurkivi (62902:001:0158)	Protection area of outcrop (rändrahn), id number - 900	Björn Sild – Auditor; Margus Veldemann (Roger Puit AS)

Date: 09.02.2018		
Forest management unit / Location / objects	Activities / comments	Participants
Make (94302:001:0250)	Compartment 8– clearcut in 2017. Marking of borders (with tape), soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and availability.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Anti Rallmann (Metsatervenduse OÜ); Kristel Arukask ( MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit)
Konno (94302:002:1150)	Compartment 8– clearcut in 2017. Marking of borders (with tape), soil conditions, ecological and seed trees health and availability.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Anti Rallmann (Metsatervenduse OÜ); Kristel Arukask ( MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit)
Humala (94302:002:1130)	Compartments 1, 3 and 4 – ongoing clear-cutting. Marking of borders, soil conditions ok. Ecological and seed trees health and availability. Harvester operator Andris Podineks interviewed. 10 years of experience. First aid kit, helmet, mobilephone charged and available, absorbent and bags for trash available. Fire extinguishers controlled (2pcs) – valid til 08.2018.	Björn Sild – Auditor; Anti Rallmann (Metsatervenduse OÜ); Kristel Arukask ( MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit)

## 5. Summary of public consultation.

Stakeholders view, objections raised	Audit team response, audit findings
<b>Economic issues</b>	
Non received	No comments
	No finding or comments from any stakeholders or subcontractors. Conformance
<b>Social issues</b>	
Non received	No comments
	No finding or comments from any stakeholders or subcontractors. Conformance
<b>Environmental issues</b>	
Non received	No comments
	No finding or comments from any stakeholders, suncontractors or Nature protection agency. Conformance

## 6. Certification applicant eligibility of certification requirements description

*This chapter shows all inconsistencies and observations made during the audit of this year and time frame for the implementation of corrective actions*

## 6.1 Existing requests for corrective actions and observations

This chapter shows all inconsistencies and observations made during the audit of this year and time frame for the implementation of corrective actions

NA – No Open CARs.

## 6.2 New requests for corrective actions and observations

NA – No CARs issued during the audit.

## 6.3 Summary table of audit results

Parameters	Observations, stated violations, inconsistencies
1. Criterion: The forest resource management and taking appropriate measures to increase their contribution to global carbon circulation	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
2. Criterion: The maintenance of forest ecosystem health and vitality	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
3. Criterion: Maintenance and promotion of forest productive functions (wood and non-wood)	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
4. Criterion: Maintenance, protection and appropriate promotion of forest ecosystem biodiversity	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
5. Criterion: The maintenance and appropriate promotion of protection forest management Forest management protection function maintenance and appropriate promotion (in particular soil and water)	No observation, violations or inconsistencies
6. Criterion: Other social and economic function maintenance	No observation, violations or inconsistencies

## 6.4 Compliance with the certification requirements

Recommendation	
To recognize that the forest management company carries out forest management operations according to the PEFC Forest management certification standard for Estonia	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The conclusion is based upon information acquired during the certification process, certifying that:	
The forest management organisation has ensured the correction of all the significant inconsistencies established above	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The forest management organization has demonstrated that the forest management system and normative basis ensures compliance with the requirements of the certification standard within certified forest areas	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
The forest management organization has demonstrated that the forest management system and normative basis is applied in practice in the forest management process of certified forest areas	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Commentary	

### LEAD AUDITOR'S CONCLUSIONS:

Clear recommendation on whether the organization complies with the standard requirements:

**MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit meets the requirements of PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard and Continued Certification recommended.**

**MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit has valid PEFC Forest Management certificate. Organization has processes in place, responsible person Kristel Arukask has good awareness of the standard requirements. During the audit no NCR-s issued. Auditor recommends continued certification of the organization against PEFC Estonia National Forest Standard.**

<b>Lead auditor:</b>	Björn Sild
<b>Signature:</b>	B.Sild
<b>Date</b>	02.04.2018

## 7. Expert's conclusion

Opinion of an external expert (date, expert, expert's conclusion):

Standard conformance checklist contains auditable evidence information which approves auditors recommendation regarding certificate continue, no NCRs were raised or closed during the audit. Comments, previously raised by Technical expert taken into consideration.


Mg. Janis Svirksts

20.06.2018

## 8. CERTIFICATION DECISION

**(Filled out by the certification manager):**

Continue PEFC FM certification for the company MTÜ Eesti Erametsaliit and issue new updated certificate with current PEFC standard.

<b>Certification manager:</b>	Andra Ožeta
<b>Signature:</b>	
<b>Date</b>	28.06.2018 and reviewed 20.09.2018.