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Subject: Submission of the 2014 Portuguese Forest Certification Scheme (PEFC Portugal)

Dear Ben,

I have the greatest of pleasure, on behalf of the Conselho da Fileira Florestal Portuguesa – the Portuguese national governing body in the PEFC Council - in providing the Board of the PEFC Council with a documentation package comprising the components of the 2014 Portuguese Forest Certification Scheme, hereafter PEFC Portugal for conformity assessment of its revised documentation with the requirements of the PEFC Technical Document and Annexes to establish compliance under the PEFC mutual recognition framework for forest certification.

The attached paper (Annex A) provides a list of the components of the PEFC Portugal which have been grouped into CFFP normative documents for PEFC Portugal scheme users, National Standardization Body- IPQ normative documents (Forest management standard and standard setting procedures) and the supporting documentation on the 2nd full revision of PEFC Portugal and annexes (development report and PEFC checklists). This documentation package is provided in both hard copy by folder and electronic format by CD.

PEFC Portugal scheme was first time endorsed in 2004 following the international assessment by independent consultant, BM TRADA. After the scheme recognition by PEFC Council the Portuguese Standard for the Sustainable Forest Management certification (NP 4406) was revised following the interim standard procedures of Technical Commission to accommodate the requirements set for regional and group certification which were part of the scheme documentation (annex D) with a new version of the standard published in 2005.

In the year 2008 and in compliance with PEFC Council requirements the PEFC Portugal scheme was revised, re-evaluate by FORM International and then endorsed on 5 November 2010 for a five years period, until 5 November 2015. Because of the PEFC's Extraordinary Assessment 2013, mandatory to all PEFC-endorsed national schemes, NP 4406 was again revised after the first re-endorsement to incorporate the PEFC Council's requirements introduced in 2010 with a new version of the standard published in 2013. The ad-hoc revision process has also included the revision of the standard setting procedures. The revision process and its compliance to PEFC relevant material was a subject of independent assessment during 2013/14, conducted by

TJConsulting. In March 2014 the one remaining non-conformity in NP4406 was resolved under the public inquiry that ended in May 2014.

The second full revision of PEFC Portugal scheme was thus focus on the implementation of the standard setting process as describe in the new Operating Regulations of the Technical Committee 145 with the goal of having the revised Portuguese Standard (NP4406:2013), in compliance with PEFC International requirements for standard setting procedures in revision of national standards. The new version of NP4406 constitutes the fifth revision, which is to be published in 2014.

The revised scheme also incorporates amendments made to CFFP Normative documents for PEFC Portugal scheme users in line with the PEFCC normative documents.

I trust that the Board of the PEFC Council will accept this application for due consideration so as to engage the re endorsement of the PEFC Portugal scheme by the PEFC Council, hoping in the near future to work in close co-operation with the PEFC Secretary-General, his staff and the consultant for the evaluation of the 2014 PEFC Portugal scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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Portuguese Forest Certification Scheme (PEFC Portugal)	
Folder 1 Supporting documentation on the 2nd full revision to PEFC Portugal	CFFP Application letter: Submission of the 2014 Portuguese Forest Certification Scheme (PEFC Portugal)
	CFFP DOC 1002:2014 Development Report on the PFCS Revision-Record of Process, 2.
	Minutes of TC Plenary Meeting no. 79
	PEFC Standard and System Requirement Checklist for Standard Setting (PEFC ST 1001:2010) - Part I
	PEFC Standard and System Requirement Checklist for Group Forest Management Certification (PEFC ST 1002:2010) - Part II
	PEFC Standard and System Requirement Checklist for Sustainable Forest Management (PEFC ST 1003:2010) - Part III
	PEFC Standard and System Requirement Checklist for Certification and Accreditation procedures (Annex6) - Part IV
Folder 2 CFFP normative documents for PEFC Portugal scheme users	PEFC PT 1001:2014 Portuguese Forest Certification Scheme – Technical Reference, 2
	PEFC PT 1002:2014 General Criteria for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies in PEFC Portugal and Notification
	PEFC PT 1003:2014 Requirements for Qualification of PEFC Auditors
	PEFC PT 1004:2014 General Procedure for Claims, Disputes and Appeals Resolution
	PEFC PT 1005:2014 Requirements for Certification Bodies operating Forest Management Certification against NP 4406
	PEFC ST 2001:2008 Requirements for Certification Bodies operating Certification against the PEFC International Chain of Custody PEFC ST 2001:2008 Portuguese translation of the
	PEFC ST 2002:2013 Chain of Custody of Forest Based Products – Requirements
	PEFC ST 2001:2008 PEFC Logo Usage Rules – Requirements (second edition 2010-11-26)
CFFP DOC 1001:2009 Statutes of the Conselho da Fileira Florestal Portuguesa	
Folder 3 NSB- IPQ normative documents	NP 4406:2014 Portuguese Standard for the Sustainable Forest Management Systems - Application of the pan-European criteria for sustainable forest management
	OR Operational Regulations of the Technical Committee 145