



## **FSC Policy Statement**

The Kilombero Valley Teak Company Limited ('KVTC'), operating in the Ulanga and Kilombero District, Morogoro Region, Tanzania strives to harvest, produce & manufacture (teak) hardwoods harvested from company owned plantations, as well as from logs purchased locally within a small geographical radius.

KVTC is committed to the principles promoted by the Forest Stewardship Council of environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of (plantation) forests

KVTC has incorporated strict best practices management throughout its history and operates in accordance with the FSC™ Controlled Wood standard (FSC-STD-30-010), whereas KVTC shall:

- Identify issues through plantation planning and management processes;
- Implement an effective community consultation process including complaints resolution and feedback processes;
- Train employees and maintain training records for people who could have an effect on our FSC system, from planting, to harvesting, sourcing, manufacturing and to invoicing;
- Control the harvesting of raw materials from own plantations;
- Control the sourcing of raw materials if and when this process would commence;
- Comply with the FSC Controlled Wood Standard (FSC-STD-30-010); and
- Put in place effective monitoring and auditing processes to confirm standards and values are being met and to provide the basis for continual improvement.

KVTC will not solicit/harvest/source/manufacture/sell:

- Illegally harvested wood;
- Wood harvested in violation of traditional or civil rights;
- Wood harvested in forests where high conservation values are threatened by management activities;
- Wood harvested in forests still actively being converted to plantations or non-forest use; and
- Wood from forests in which genetically modified trees are planted.

Any claims that wood is being purchased by KVTC from unacceptable sites will be formally investigated. A Complaints Log will be maintained to confirm the complaints made and actions taken.

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Hans Lemm - General Manager