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September 30, 2015

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Re: SFI Application for PEFC Endorsement

Dear Ben,

On behalf of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative® Inc it is our pleasure to submit for PEFC endorsement the *SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard*. The tables below provide a summary of structure and the documentation submitted for SFI's PEFC endorsement application. All documents are provided in both electronic format and a hard copy is being mailed this week.

This is SFI's 4th endorsement assessment (December 2005, November 2011 and the extraordinary assessment in March 2015) to the SFI Forest Management Requirements. In order to ensure a smooth and timely assessment, we ask that PEFC provide a process timeline to help us facilitate key decision points during the assessment. This will also ensure we stay on track for a timely completion.

To further facilitate the assessment process, SFI also requests that following the assessor's initial off-site documentation and readiness review, the main portion of the assessment is conducted in person with SFI staff at our Washington, D.C. head office. We believe this will make for a more efficient assessment process allowing the assessors to complete their work in a timely manner.

Finally, we are keen for PEFC to develop a framework to endorse SFI's Fiber Sourcing Standard. We believe such a framework can help further PEFC's goals of expanding responsible forestry globally.

If there is anything we can do to expedite the endorsement process, please contact me at jason.metnick@sfiprogram.org or 1-602-374-6539.

Best Regards,

Jason Metnick

Senior Vice President, Customer Affairs

cc. Mr. Bill Street, Chair PEFC International

Dr. Michael Berger, Director, PEFC International Technical Unit

Kathy Abusow, President & CEO, Sustainable Forestry Initiative

Gregor Macintosh, Senior Director of Standards, Sustainable Forestry Initiative

Rachel Dierolf, PEFC U.S. National Secretary

Enclosed:

Attachment 1: SFI PEFC Endorsement – Summary of Documentation Submitted

Summary of Documentation Submitted for the SFI Inc. Application for PEFC Endorsement	
Part I	SFI's checklist for standard setting (PEFC ST 1001:2010)
Part III A	SFI's checklist for the SFI 2015-2019 Forest Management Standard (PEFC ST 1003:2010)
Part IV	SFI's checklist for certification and accreditation procedures (PEFC Annex 6)
Part VI	SFI's checklist for administration requirements

Attachment 2: SFI PEFC Endorsement Package Appendices

Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 - SFI 2015-2019 Standards and Rules</p> <p>Appendix 2 - SFI Records Retention Policy</p> <p>Appendix 3 - SFI 2015-2019 Standard Review Process</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Standard Revision Task Group Rosters May 7, 2014</p> <p>Appendix 5- 2013 Stakeholder Mapping Exercise</p> <p>Appendix 6 - Call Volunteers SFI 2015-2019 Standards Revision</p> <p>Appendix 7 - SFI 2015-2019 SFI Standards Revision Task Group Expectations</p> <p>Appendix 8 - SFI Press Release on reaching out to 10,000 stakeholders for standard revision</p> <p>Appendix 9 – SFI Seeks Input for Standard Revision January 7, 2014</p> <p>Appendix 10 - SFI Standard Revision Second Comment Period Invitation to Comment</p> <p>Appendix 11 - Email to Stakeholders January 6th invitation to comment</p> <p>Appendix 12 - April 2-3 F2F Full Meeting Package</p> <p>Appendix 13 - Redline versions Forest Management Face to Face Meeting</p> <p>Appendix 14 - Briefing Note - SFI 2015-2019 Standard Revision</p> <p>Appendix 15 - SFI 2015 - 2019 Program Requirements Revision Process – October 16, 2013</p> <p>Appendix 16 - SFI Standard Review Workshop Vancouver, BC Canada 22 January, 2014</p> <p>Appendix 17 - SFI 2015-2019 Standard Review Webinar</p> <p>Appendix 18 - What's New for 2015-2019 - SFI</p> <p>Appendix 19 - SFI Board Meeting Minutes - November 5, 2014</p> <p>Appendix 20 - SFI Board of Directors Conference Call AGENDA November 5, 2014</p> <p>Appendix 21 - Guide to 2015-2019 Standards - SFI</p> <p>Appendix 22 – SFI Standard Launch release 1 7 15 FINAL Embargoed</p> <p>Appendix 24 – PEC CoC Fee Summary One Pager</p> <p>Appendix 25 – PEFC US Logo Use Contract Sample</p> <p>Appendix 26 - Summary of US and Canadian Legislation Pertaining to Forest Management</p>
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