



GFTN-UK FOREST PRODUCT REPORTING SUMMARY FOR 2017

Nobia UK has been a participant in WWF's Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) in the UK since 1995.

All GFTN participants commit to progressively sourcing forest products from well-managed sources.

Nobia UK undertakes due diligence to assess and mitigate any risk of illegal and unwanted forest products entering into the UK market from our supply chain. We collect as much information on supply chain sources as possible, and systematically work to eliminate poor sources which may not positively benefit forests as a future resource for people and nature.

We are aware of the global challenges society faces. Global warming, deforestation, overconsumption of natural resources and inadequate labour conditions present challenges for large parts of the business sector. These are challenges that require responsible leadership, as well as active and systematic work. Therefore, we have developed a sustainability strategy for 2017–2020.

The strategy is built on four long-term focus areas and goals for the next three years. A sustainability strategy is our medium- to long-term ambition, linking together our core operations with our ambitions to contribute to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Based on our materiality analysis and analysis of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, we have identified the following strategic areas to contribute to the goals and to develop our operations:

- 1) Sustainable Innovation
- 2) Reduced Carbon Emissions
- 3) Safeguard & Protect Forests
- 4) Responsible Sourcing

Over the past two years we have integrated all Nobia UK businesses into the GFTN reporting mechanism to create a comprehensive summary of UK timber purchasing. The GFTN report forms a key part of the Nobia Sustainability strategy and we expect to expand the report to include our Nordic Business units for the reporting year 2018.



As a business we continue to challenge ourselves in-order to develop the level of supply chain knowledge and broaden our understanding of a supplier’s activity and in some cases, ownership structures. Significant progress has been made in this area but all parties involved know that this is a continuous task as the supplier landscape continues to change.

The quality of data and understanding within the supply chain with regards to timber reporting remains a weakness and emphasises the need to continue the education and knowledge building within the Nobia Buying team and the wider business. In 2018 we will continue to develop our internal systems so we have access to good quality and reliable data

To highlight our progress towards meeting our commitments to source well-managed and recycled materials, we’re publishing the status of our current supply chain for various categories of forest goods, as defined by the GFTN.

We hope the transparency of the UK GFTN members about their performance on forest sourcing will prompt others in the sector to follow suit. We also encourage all forest certification systems to continuously improve their performance in delivering responsible forest management.

At present, WWF and GFTN participants believe FSC represents the gold standard and a credible benchmark for other forest certification schemes to match. Our preference is to source increasingly from credibly-certified forests or verified recycled sources.

The European Timber Regulation aims to limit the trade in illegal timber. It provides a baseline of legality as a minimum for forest goods entering the European market and reaching consumers. GFTN participants want to make sure they’re playing their part in reducing the UK footprint on global forest resources, by sourcing sustainably – going beyond a compliance-only approach.

Nobia UK forest products reported for the 2017 calendar year are as follows:

- 0.1%** Recycled Materials
- 80%** Credibly Certified (e.g. FSC purchased with Chain of Custody)
- 19%** Source verified (including e.g. PEFC purchased with Chain of Custody)

Nobia’s responsible forest product procurement policy can be found here:

<http://www.nobia.com/Sustainability/>



Scope of reporting

The present scope of the reporting covers all products for resale and incorporates the existing UK businesses including Magnet Retail, Gower, Rixonway and Commodore.

It is our stated intention to extend the scope of the GFTN to incorporate the Nordic business units within this report for the reporting year 2018

Challenges: To ensure that all suppliers of timber related products to Nobia recognise and accept the importance of transparency in the supply chain and the need to provide credible information when requested.

Priorities: Understanding the expectations of key stakeholders is crucial for being able to meet current and future customer needs. We have set out below our priorities for sustainability work going forward:

- Product sustainability: Developing kitchen products for current and future needs
- Sustainable choice of materials: Materials from sources with a limited impact on people and the environment.
- Reduced climate impact and economising resources: Resource- and energy efficient solutions
- Responsible sourcing: Selection, monitoring and auditing of suppliers with focus on the respect for human rights, the environment and business ethics.
- Secure work environment: Safe workplaces promoting respect for human rights, the individual and diversity.
- Business ethics and transparency: Working methods and conduct to ensure compliance with the law, promote transparency and maintain good business ethics in the value chain.