

**This email is being sent to you because SCS Global Services (SCS) has identified you as a potential stakeholder able to provide relevant comments regarding SIA PATA fiber sourcing program as a Biomass Producer (BP) within the Sustainable Biomass Program (SBP) framework.**

### **Background – About SBP**

SBP was formed in 2013 by European utilities that are using biomass, mostly in the form of wood pellets or chips, in large thermal generating plants. Biomass-fired power and heat generation is seen as an important technology for achieving the EU's 2020 renewable energy targets and EU member states are adopting their own national approaches to ensuring that the biomass used is legally and sustainably sourced.

SBP's objective is to develop the tools necessary to demonstrate that, as a minimum, solid biomass used for energy production meets these national requirements. The SBP Framework is designed as a clear statement of principles, standards and processes necessary to demonstrate such compliance. Wherever possible, the Framework takes into account and builds on existing regulatory mechanisms and on voluntary certification standards already applied to other forest product streams or to other biomass sources.

The SBP Framework provides a means to collect data describing the nature of the feedstock as well as data to be employed in the regulatory calculations of greenhouse gas (GHG) savings from its use. It also provides a means to demonstrate that risks to forest carbon stocks are managed and that forests' carbon sequestration capability is maintained.

Collectively, the six SBP Standards represent a certification framework, or scheme, against which organizations can be assessed for compliance by independent third-party Certification Bodies (CBs) such as SCS. An organization that satisfactorily demonstrates compliance receives a certificate and is entitled to make SBP claims in relation to its biomass.

For more information, and/or to obtain copies of the six SBP standards, please visit: <https://sbp-cert.org/>.

### **Notification**

SBP requires that certification bodies such as SCS consult stakeholders during the main evaluation of an applicant BP, in order to verify that the BP's management systems are working effectively and consistently across their entire supply base.

Attached is their Supply Base Report/Evaluation (SBR/SBE) for your consideration.

### **Consultation**

With this email, SCS encourages interested stakeholders to submit relevant information and/or comments regarding the BP's forest management and fiber sourcing/procurement operations, in order to evaluate the BP's compliance with SBP requirements. SCS will:

- review and record all submissions
- evaluate relevant submissions
- document actions taken in relation to relevant submissions, and
- document its conclusions regarding compliance of the BP with the Standards.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding this notification, please email us back and we will follow up with you accordingly.

If you are not interested in participating or providing any comments for this organization, no action is necessary.

Best regards,