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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: ABC-2009

ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 11-2007 – Recycled Paper Products

Conformance Declaration Date:
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The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology.

The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration (www.geca.org.au). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (also trading as Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) is the auditing and certification body with responsibility for product assessment, certification and licensing of products against the declared standards (www.eassurance.com.au). GECS is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in it's audit and certification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

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This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.



CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

This range of products manufactured by ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd has been assessed against the GECA 11-2007 standard – Recycled Paper Products. These products have successfully gained official registration as certified 'Good Environmental Choice' products under the Australian Ecolabel program.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd was founded in 1985, operated by a small team. Today the company employs over 500 people at 11 locations throughout Australasia. ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd has grown to become the only major tissue company that is Australasian owned and managed. They continue to invest in manufacturing facilities in Australia and New Zealand.

ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd source post consumer waste paper for the manufacturing of their products and have their own mill for de-inking and recycling. Their processing is Chlorine free which allows the recycling of the mill water and the solid waste produced is recycled as a soil conditioner.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Earthcare Facial Tissue	2 ply facial tissue.
Earthcare Interleaved Toilet Tissue	2 ply interleaved toilet tissue.
Earthcare Interleaved Hand Towel	2 ply interleaved hand towel.
Earthcare Interfold Hand Towel	2 ply interfold hand towel.
Earthcare Single Wrapped Tissue	2 ply single wrapped tissue.
Earthcare Cutmatic Hand Towel	Hand towel roll.

Earthcare Product Range



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 environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	These nominated ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd products are subject to quality control measures during their manufacturing processes. Tests include tolerance requirements for the paper mix, heating and moisture content and production sample analysis for tear strength and form.
Recycled Content	The recycled content of these nominated ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd products is 100%, this percentage exceeds the minimum requirement as stated for this criterion.
Recyclability Requirements	GECS has confirmed that these nominated ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd products have not been coated or treated in any way that would prevent their recycling.
Fibre Sources	GECS has confirmed that these nominated ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd products are not manufactured from virgin fibre sources.
Emissions Requirements	The AOX, COD and Sulphur emissions of these nominated products has been found to be below the maximum allowable limits as stated for this criterion.
Hazardous Substances	GECS have inspected the surfactant and bleach used for the manufacturing of these products and can confirm compliance with this criterion.
Solvents and Cleaning Agents	GECS have reviewed the agents used for the cleaning of the production equipment of these nominated products and concluded that they meet the requirements of this criterion.
Packaging Requirements	These nominated ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd products are packaged with plastic that has not been halogenated and is able to be recycled in mainstream recovery facilities.
Environmental Regulations	ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd adheres to the relevant environmental legislation and has not been prosecuted for violations to Environmental regulations in the past 24 months.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	ABC Tissue Products Pty Ltd adheres to the relevant social requirements and workplace regulations. The company has not been prosecuted for violations to labour, anti-discrimination or safety regulations in the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for
assurance to the market.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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