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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: AWM-2009

Australian Workstation Manufacturers Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 28-2006 – Furniture and Fittings

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.eassurance.com.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.

DISCLAIMER:

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 Australian Workstation Manufacturers Pty Ltd has been assessed against the GECA 28-2006 – Furniture and Fittings Standard, and awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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Australian Workstation Manufacturers Pty Ltd was formed in 1993, operating as a small furniture company located in Sydney's Northern Beaches. The company has since expanded to be listed as one of BRW's fastest growing companies in 2008. They provide quality office furniture to companies across Australia. AWM's head office and factory is now based in a 5000 square metre facility in Alexandria with a connecting showroom displaying their latest products and prototypes.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Australian Workstation Manufactures Pty Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
F2 Workstation	Tile based workstation.
F3 Workstation	Post and Beam based workstation.
F5 Workstation	Beam based workstation

F2 Workstation

- Tile based system 70mm thick
- Cabling ducted through out
- AFRDI approved



F3 Workstation

- Post and beam 35mm thick
- Integrated power and data
- Adjustable desktop height
- AFRDI approved



F5 Workstation

- For use in benching, workstations and desking
- Height ranges from 800 H-floor
- AFRDI approved



Products with a distinctive
environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Australian Workstation Manufacturers products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	Australian Workstation Manufacturers' products have been tested and approved by AFRDI and come with a 10 year warranty.
Material Requirements	The F2, F3 and F5 workstations are manufactured using Environmental Choice Australia Eco-label certified processed wood products.
Air Emissions	These products have been tested to AS/NZS 4266.16.2004 standards which show that the formaldehyde emissions from the wood based components are well below the allowable limit.
Resin Identification Codes	These AWM products have been assessed against the requirements of this criterion and it has been concluded that these products meet the requirements in the GECA Furniture and Fittings Standard.
Padding Materials	These nominated products contain no padding materials. No latex or Polyurethane padding is used in the manufacturing of these products.
Fabrics	The manufacturer has acknowledged and the license conditions stipulate that only fabrics assessed according to the relevant Environmental Choice Australia Standard requirements can be used in certified furniture. This includes textiles certified as compliant to the Environmental Choice Australia Mark, Nordic Swan, EU Flower, or those that have been assessed in the scope of this assessment and found to be in conformance with the relevant criteria in the GECA Furniture and Fittings Standard.
Glass	Australian Workstation Manufacturers use toughened glass in these certified products, which does not use non-conforming treatments listed in this criterion in the standard.
Adhesives	This manufacturer uses a water based adhesive that is low in VOC's. This adhesive conforms to the relevant requirements of the GECA Adhesives Standard.
Hazardous Materials	GECS has confirmed that AWM does not use any of the listed prohibited or hazardous substances as stated in the standard for this criterion.
Separability	GECS has confirmed that these AWM products are separable into constituent materials without the use of specialised tools or expertise.
Product Custodianship	AWM accepts ownership of these certified products at the end of their life. They can be returned for recycling at no additional cost to the consumer apart from transportation.
Coatings/Treatments	These products are not coated or treated in any way that would prevent post consumer recycling.
Replacement Parts	Replacement parts are available as part of the standard 10 year warranty.
Packaging Requirements	AWM's products are packaged in cardboard and plastic that is not halogenated or chlorinated. This packaging is recyclable in mainstream resource recovery facilities.
Product Information	Technical data sheets and information regarding the intended use of these products in association with the product custodianship policy confirms AWM satisfies the requirements of this criterion.
Environmental Regulations	AWM adheres to the relevant environmental regulations and has not been prosecuted for violations to environmental regulations in the past 24 months.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	AWM adheres to the relevant social requirements and workplace regulations. It 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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FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE WEB

The Australian Ecolabel Program is the national environmental product life cycle labelling program for Australia. Further details of the Australian Ecolabel Program are available from www.envassurance.com and www.geca.org.au.