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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: KOS-2009

KOSKELA

Standard:
GECA 28-2006 – Furniture and Fittings

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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.

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

Koskela's Slim Series Table, 204 Table, Timber Turned Stool, Coat Stand, Juha Chair, Credenza and Hyatt Spa Chair products have been assessed against GECA 28-2006-Furniture and Fittings Standard, and awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Eco- Label.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

Koskela

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Koskela has been operating since 2000 and is a manufacturer and supplier of Australian modern designer furniture and homewares including bedroom, lounge/dining, outdoor furniture, crafts, lighting and soft furnishings.

The manufacturer is committed to eliminating environmental impacts, adopting new and sustainable business models, re-evaluating its products and processes.



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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following Koskela products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Slim Series Table	Table
204 Table	Table
Timber Turned Stool	Stool
Coat Stand	Stand
Juha Chair	Chair
Credenza	Storage Table
Hyatt Spa Chair	Chair

Slim Series Table

Made up of birch ply, veneer and laminate.



Credenza 1

Side table/bench with storage.



Juha Chair

Made up of solid timber from variety of hardwoods.



Products with a distinctive
environmental edge.

3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	Koskela range of furniture is covered by a 10 year warranty. Koskela uses quality products and all their suppliers have Quality Assurance measures in place.
Material Requirements	Koskela uses plywood certified under the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.
Adhesives	Koskela uses low VOC water based adhesive in their products.
Hazardous Materials	Koskela does not use or add any of the hazardous materials or prohibited substances (including PVC) listed under criteria 3.3.1 and 3.3.2 of GECA 28-2006- Furniture and Fittings standard during the manufacturing of the nominated products.
Post Consumption Recycling and Labelling	Koskela products can be disassembled without specialized tools or expertise to facilitate the recovery of the constituent materials for recycling.
Product Custodianship	Koskela has take back offers to customers under the product stewardship policy which applies to all Koskelas' products.
Coatings and Treatment	The nominated Koskela products are not coated or treated in a way that would prevent recycling.
Replacement Parts	Koskela provides functionally compatible replacement parts for those parts of products which are subject to wear, replacements are available for a minimum of five years.
Packaging Requirements	Koskela uses packaging which can be recycled by local recycling systems.
Product Information	The certified Koskela products come with sufficient product information regarding cleaning, maintenance and recycling instructions.
Environmental Regulations	Koskela 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	Koskela is in compliance with 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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