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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: ESS-2008

Esselte Australia Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 02-2007 Recycled Plastic Products

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The Australian Ecolabel Program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognised 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) Recognise 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

The Esselte Australia range of recycled plastic stationary products has been assessed under the GECA 02-2007 Recycled Plastic Products standard and has been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Ecolabel

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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Esselte's head office is based in Connecticut America with subsidiaries in 33 countries throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific. Europe accounts for 55% of revenues, the United States and Canada contribute 40%, and Latin America and Asia Pacific generate the remainder. Esselte Australia is part of the Asia Pacific operating division. These Esselte Australia certified products are manufactured at an ISO9001 certified facility, located at Minto, New South Wales.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Document Tray	Black plastic multipurpose stackable tray
Document Tray Risers	Inserts to increase height between document trays
Magazine File	Upright black file holder
Pencil Cup	Black plastic cup for pencil and pen storage
Desk Organiser	Black unit for organising files and stationary
Caddy Tray	Stationary storage unit for multiple items
Waste Bin	Recycled plastic waste bin

Document Tray

Black plastic multipurpose stackable tray



Document Tray Risers

Inserts to increase height between document trays



Magazine File

Upright black file holder



Pencil Cup

Black plastic unit for various items



Desk Organiser

Black plastic unit for organising files and stationary



Caddy tray

Stationary storage unit for various items



Waste Bin

Recycled plastic waste bin



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.

3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	The manufacturing facility for these licensed products holds an ISO 9001:2000 certification and well-documented quality control procedures. Furthermore the general market acceptance establishes the products as fit for purpose in accordance with the requirements of this criterion.
Recycled Content	GECS has confirmed that these licensed products contain 98% of recycled content exceeding the requirement of 50% as stated in the standard for this criterion.
Recyclability and Product Stewardship	GECS has confirmed that this Earthwise Range can be returned to Esselte for recycling. The products are labeled with information on how to return it at the end of its life.
Impregnations or coatings	There are no coatings or treatments applied to these licensed products that would prevent their post-consumer recycling.
Separability	These Esselte Australia products are made from homogenous material and do not have separable parts; therefore this criterion is not applicable.
Environmental Information	The licensed products are marked with appropriate resin identification codes for post-consumer recycling.
Hazardous substances	GECS has confirmed that no hazardous or prohibited substances are added or used in the production of these nominated products.
Packaging requirements	These nominated products are transported and delivered in recyclable cardboard, therefore meeting the requirements of this criterion.
Environmental Regulations	Esselte Australia 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	Esselte Australia 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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