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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: GGI-2008

GGI Office Systems Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 28 – Furniture and Fittings

Conformance Declaration Date:
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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.envassurance.com). The organisation 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 in summary form 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

GGI Office Systems Pty Ltd have been assessed against the GECA 28 Furniture and Fittings and awarded with the Environmental Choice Australia Mark.

1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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GGI - Global Group International is an office furniture company based in Canada with offices over 49 countries and dealers from all over the world. GGI manufactures panel systems, filing and storage, tables, seating products with a 5-year guarantee on all products.

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2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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The following GGI Office Systems products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Renaissance Office Chair Collection	The Renaissance is a height and seat-adjustable office chair.
H80S / Larrikin Office Chair Collection	H80S Office Chairs feature free floating adjustments and gas height adjuster. H80S has been approved by AFRDI, level 6.
I-Mesh Chair Collection	I-Mesh chairs enable adjustments to be easily made while the user is seated.
Visi Panel Systems	The Visi panel system is an adaptable workstation.
Boulevard Panel System	Boulevard panel is a new system that is simple to install and reconfigure, and simple to maintain.

Renaissance Office Chair, H80S / Larrikin Office Chair, I-Mesh Chair



Boulevard Panel Systems, Visi Panel Systems



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.

3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	GGI Office Systems Pty Ltd offers a warranty policy of 10 years for the certified products. Sufficient proof of demonstrated performance has been provided to satisfy the quality requirements of GECA 28-2006.
Timber and Other Natural Material	GGI Office Systems has supplied evidence for all timber sources are under recognized certification schemes.
Treatment	GGI Office Systems has submitted certificates for timber treatment which show that the chemicals used are not carcinogenic.
Glues in Plywood and Laminated Wood	GGI uses urea formaldehyde resin in production of the plywood. GGI has supplied MSDS of the glue that confirms the emission is within the limits of GECA standards.
Air Emissions	GGI Office Systems has provided air emission test results which show that the timber-derived components comply with specified formaldehyde emission levels.
Resin Identification Codes	Resin identification codes are marked on plastic components over 100g in weight.
Polyurethane padding requirements	MSDS for the polyurethane foams and blowing agents have been reviewed to establish conformance to his criterion.
Fabrics	GGI has confirmed that it will use only Environmental Choice Australia certified fabrics for the nominated product range.
Adhesives	GGI now uses an adhesive which complies with the GECA 01-2007 Adhesives Standard.
Overall Loads	A review of the ingredients lists and MSDS for all chemicals used in the manufacturing revealed that the certified products contained no hazardous substances.
Prohibited Substances	A site assessment and review of all MSDS for chemicals used to manufacture the certified products has not revealed any prohibited substances.
Separability	GGI nominated products can be easily dissembled without the use of special tools.
Product Custodianship	GGI Office Systems Pty Ltd provides a take back program for the return and recycling of certified products.
Coatings/Treatments	GGI nominated products uses powder coating which does not prevent recycling.
Replacement Parts	GGI Office Systems have a replacement part policy which warrants wear and tear for 5 years from the date of purchase.
Compliance to Environmental Regulations	GECS has received evidence that GGI Office Systems is compliant to environmental regulations.
Compliance to Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	GECS has received evidence that GGI Office Systems is compliant to labour, anti-discrimination and safety regulations.

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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