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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

LN: HUF-2008  
-and-  
KYS-2008

Company:  
Hufcor Group  
-and-  
Kyissa Pty Ltd (Subsidiary)

Standard:  
GECA 28-2006 Furniture and Fittings

Conformance Declaration Date:  
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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](http://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.geca.org.au](http://www.geca.org.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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## CERTIFICATION FINDINGS

The range of partitioning and toilet cubicle products manufactured by Hufcor Group and subsidiary company Kyissa have 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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Hufcor Group is a leading manufacturer of partitioning systems for the Australian market and also export around the world. Hufcor Group has its headquarters and three manufacturing facilities based in Melbourne with another production facility in Queensland. The subsidiary company Kyissa Pty Ltd manufactures the five certified washroom cubicle ranges.

Companies leading  
Australia's environmental  
response at work.

## 2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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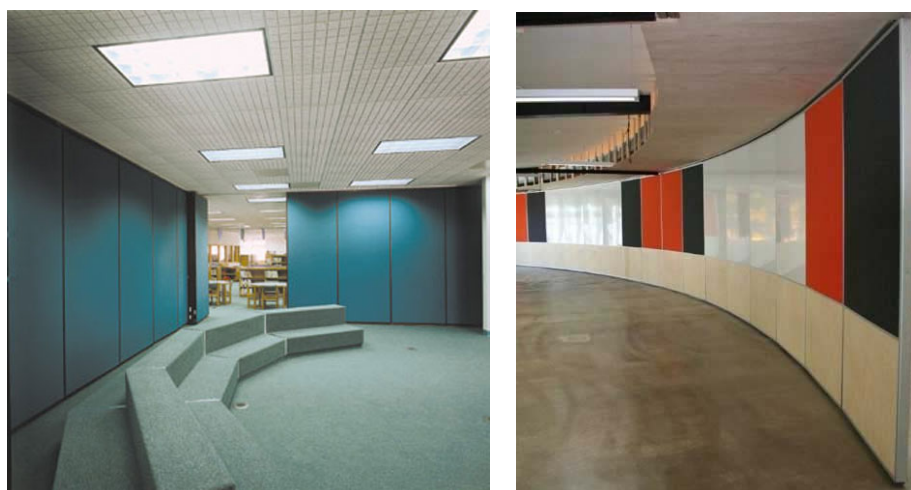
The following Hufcor Group and subsidiary company Kyissa Pty Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Hufcor Operational Wall Systems - Classic Series 8000	100mm thick partition available in powdercoated or anodized aluminium frames.
Hufcor Operational Wall Systems - Pathfinder Series 5000	75mm thick partition up to 5m in height, anodised or powdercoated aluminium frame.
Kyissa Flo-Line Washroom Cubicals	Profiled aluminium extrusions shield gaps between walls and panels for privacy.
Kyissa K1 Toilet Cubical	33mm pre-laminated Structural Board with ABS edging, option for powdercoated aluminium frame.
Kyissa K2 Toilet Cubical	Available in 33mm or 18mm Structural Board. Overhead suspension eliminates floor supports enabling easier floor cleaning.
Kyissa K3 Toilet Cubical	Most popular design, stainless steel flashing and fittings. 33mm Structural Board panels.
Kyissa K4 Toilet Cubical	18mm compressed cement sheets, most durable cubical system.

### Hufcor Operational Wall Systems

Flexible use partitioning systems.



### Kyissa Flo-Line Washroom Cubicals

Observe the profile extrusions for added privacy.



### Kyissa K – Series Washroom Cubicals

Kyissa K1 shown.



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.

### 3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the Hufcor Group and subsidiary company Kyissa Pty Ltd products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	Quality testing has been performed by independent organisations a satisfactory standard for the Australian commercial market. Warranty documents for both product streams meet the requirements of this criterion in the standard. Quality Assurance procedures are in place at various stages of production and these procedures are documented. Hufcor Group are certified according to AS/ANZ ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System.
Timber and Natural Materials	The timber materials used in the Hufcor Group and Kyissa Pty Ltd certified products are sourced from suppliers who are either already certified under the Environmental Choice Australia Mark or who have PEFC / FSC certified chain of custody in place.
Treatment	Wood is sourced from within Australia and has not been treated with fungicides or insecticides.
Air Emissions	Only E0 Particleboard, standard MDF or laminated and edged E1 particleboard can be specified for certified products.
Plastics	Only ABS edging can be used in certified products.
Fabrics	Only fabrics already certified under the Environmental Choice Australia Mark can be specified for certified products.
Adhesives	The adhesives used in the Hufcor Group and Kyissa Pty Ltd (subsidiary) certified products are low VOC and conform to the requirements of this criterion in the standard.
Hazardous materials	PVC edging, brass and chrome fittings cannot be specified in certified products. These aforementioned materials are non-compliant according to the GECA 28-2006 Furniture and Fittings Standard. No other materials are used that do not conform to the requirements to the hazardous materials criteria in the standard.
Separability	It was established during a site inspection that the certified products are easily disassembled.
Product Custodianship	Hufcor Group accepts ownership of the certified products at end of life. They can be returned for recycling at no additional cost to the consumer apart from transportation.
Coatings/Treatments	Hufcor Group and Kyissa Pty Ltd certified products are not coated or impregnated in any way that would prevent post consumer recycling. Except where the treatment (lacquer, powdercoat, etc.) is applied in order to further extend the useful life of the product.
Replacement Parts	Replacement parts are available as part of the standard 5 year warranty.
Packaging Requirements	Certified products are packaged with LDPE which is not halogenated and in recyclable in mainstream resource recovery facilities.
Product Information	The Warranty and Maintenance manual for certified Hufcor Operable Walls and Kyissa Washroom Cubicles contains sufficient information to satisfy the requirements of this criterion in the standard.
Environmental Regulations	No division of Hufcor Group has been prosecuted in an environmental court of law over the last 2 years. The contract powdercoater operates according to a trade waste permit for discharges into municipal sewage system.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	The pay rates, workers compensation and OH&S policies are sufficiently in line with state regulations. Hufcor Group experienced two Work Cover incidents at its central manufacturing plant in West Sunshine. The matters have been addressed correctly, one of which is now fully resolved, the other is still active and being handled accordingly.

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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