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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: KOS-2008

Koskela Pty Ltd

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.

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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 furniture products manufactured by Koskela 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

Koskela Pty Ltd

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Koskela Pty Ltd is an Australian furniture design company with a strong environmental focus. The company locally manufactures products for both the commercial & residential markets.

The certified range includes tables, chairs, stools & ottomans; many available in a variety of materials. Across the board, the items are designed for longevity & ease of disassembly for recycling at end of life. A take-back policy is also offered on all items. Carbon emissions associated with electricity, travel and freight Australia-wide are offset.

Companies leading
Australia's environmental
response at work.

2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Maudan Table	Meeting, Dining, Boardroom or Coffee Table.
AC Table	Meeting, Dining, Boardroom or Coffee Table.
Upholstered Cube	Upholstered high density foam cube.
Café Chair	Cafe/Dining Chair, upholstered or in laminate.
Café/Meeting Table	Café/Meeting Table.
Quadrant	Upholstered foam ottoman with cross-stitch detail.
Bench	Zen, Slab End or Maudan design, in plywood, veneer or solid timber.
Polska Stool	Stackable polyethylene stool.
Prism	Birch plywood cubes used as seats or as tables.
Highgate Sofa/Ottoman	Sofa & ottoman, available in modular configurations.
Block Sofa	Sofa available in 1, 2 or 3 seat designs.
Classic Sofa/Ottoman	Sofa & ottoman available in 1, 2 & 3 seat designs.
Extra Low Sofa	Sofa available in 1, 2 or 3 seat designs.
103 Sofa/Ottoman	Sofa & ottoman available in 1, 2 or 3 seat designs.
Slab Ottoman	Slab ottoman.
Sled Base Bench	Upholstered bench with sled base.
Barstool (Sled Base and Simple Base)	Barstool with seat pad only or with back, upholstered or in laminate.
Polycube	Polyethylene cube.
Patonga Table	Meeting, Dining, Boardroom or Coffee table.
Low Table	Low table made in plywood, veneer or solid timber.
Frantz Chair	Upholstered chair.
Timber Block	Recycled solid timber block.
Pebble Table (Laminate, Veneer and Plywood Versions)	Pebble shaped table available with different tops and bases.
Bed	Upholstered bed.
Sled Base Table (Laminate, Veneer and Plywood Versions)	Table with sled base.

Extra Low Sofa

Extra low sofa with stainless steel legs, available in 1, 2 or 3 seat designs.



BarStool

Bar stool with seat pad or with back upholstered or in laminate. Base in stainless steel or powder coated.



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.



3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	GECS has reviewed the quality testing procedures of Koskela Pty Ltd and in addition these products are sold with a 10 year warranty.
Timber and Other Natural Materials	Timber and timber derived materials used in these nominated products are sourced from sustainable timber suppliers. This timber has been tested for formaldehyde emissions and it has been found to comply with the requirements of the relevant criterion under this section in the standard.
Plastics	All the plastic components of these nominated products weighing more than 100 grams are marked with appropriate resin identification codes.
Fabrics	The manufacturer has acknowledged and the license conditions stipulate that only white furniture has been certified. However Koskela Pty Ltd has the capacity to source textiles certified as compliant to the Environmental Choice Australia Mark upon customer request.
Adhesives	These nominated products are manufactured with water based adhesives that have a low volatile organic compound content.
Hazardous Materials	These products do not contain or are not manufactured with any of the listed materials considered to be hazardous under the GECA 28-2006 standard.
Separability	All of these products can be separated into recyclable components without the use of specialised tools or expertise.
Product Custodianship	Koskela Pty Ltd has a product custodianship policy in place. Koskela Pty Ltd accepts products at their end of life for disassembly and recycling.
Replacement Parts	Koskela Pty Ltd provides replacement parts for a minimum of five years.
Packaging Requirements	These products are packaged in recyclable plastic that is not halogenated or chlorinated, and cardboard which is also recyclable, thus meeting the requirements of this criterion.
Product Information	The product information consumers are provided with discusses warranty terms, instructions for use, care, storage, maintenance and end of life recycling.
Environmental Regulations	Koskela Pty Ltd operates in compliance with 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 Pty Ltd 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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