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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

LN: MKA-2009 (Workstations)
MKA-2-2009 (MEXL Metal Cabinets)

Markant Australia Pty Ltd

Standard:
GECA 28-2006 Furniture and Fittings

Conformance Declaration Date:
1st April 2009, and;
21st August 2009



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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

This range of furniture products manufactured by Markant Australia 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

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OFFICE FURNITURE

Markant Office Furniture, established in 1948, designs, manufactures and imports office furniture with its head office based in Utrecht, Netherlands. Markant's factories are certified ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 for their Quality and Environmental Management Systems. These products are delivered to 350 dealers in Europe, USA and Australia.

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response at work.

2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS

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



PRODUCT NAME	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
MO4 Workstation	Office workstation
FX Workstation	Modular workstation
Delta Workstation	Sit/Stand workstation
MEXL Metal Caddie	Metal Modular Cabinet
MEXL Pedestal	Metal Modular Cabinet

MO4 Workstation

Fixed or adjustable workstation available with several options.



FX Workstation

Height adjustable modular workstation system available with several options.



MEXL Modular Cabinet

Metal cabinets available with tambour doors in polypropylene or aluminium.



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.

3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

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

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	These Markant workstations are manufactured in an ISO 9001 certified production facility and are covered by a standard 10 year warranty, these products are fit for purpose.
Wood and other Natural Materials	The wood based components of these products are sourced from GECA certified suppliers. These companies have previously demonstrated that they meet the requirements of this criterion.
Treatment	The processed wood components are not treated with fungicides or insecticides classed as type 1 or 2A by the IARC for carcinogenicity.
Glues in Plywood and Laminated Wood	The processed wood panels are currently certified and thus conformance to the relevant sections in the Standard has already been established.
Air Emissions	The processed wood panels are currently certified and thus conformance to the relevant sections in the Standard has already been established.
Fabrics	The manufacturer has acknowledged and the license conditions stipulate that only fabrics assessed according to the relevant Environmental Choice Australia Standard requirements can be used in certified furniture. This includes textiles certified as compliant to the Environmental Choice Australia Mark, Nordic Swan, EU Flower, or those that have been assessed in the scope of this assessment and found to be in conformance with the relevant criteria in the GECA Furniture and Fittings Standard.
Adhesives	The adhesives used for the certified Markant Australia workstations are low VOC and do not contain hazardous materials restricted by the GECA Adhesives Standard.
Hazardous Materials	GECS has confirmed that no hazardous or prohibited substances are added or used in the production of these nominated products.
Separability	The certified Markant Australia workstations are designed to be modular systems, easily disassembled without the use of specialised tools or expertise.
Product Custodianship	Markant Australia offers a conditional product buy-back scheme and also a product stewardship policy. If products are not in a condition for buyback and re-use the items are disassembled and sent for recycling.
Coatings and Treatments	GECS has confirmed that no coatings or treatments are used on these products that would prevent their post consumer recycling.
Replacement Parts	Replacement parts are available under the standard 10 year warranty.
Packaging Requirements	These products are packaged in recyclable plastic that is not chlorinated or halogenated.
Product Information	The product information provided at point of sale describes the instructions for use, care and recycling at end of product life satisfying the requirements of this criterion.
Environmental Regulations	Markant Australia and its manufacturing plant adhere 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	Markant Australia and its manufacturing plant 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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