# UNITED KINGDOM WOODLAND ASSURANCE STANDARD (UKWAS)

# ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2010

# 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

Confor offices, 59 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2JG

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011

13.30

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#### Chairman's Report

The quinquennial review of the UKWAS standard continued to be the major focus of the Steering Group's work in 2010.

The Steering Group had prepared a detailed Issues Paper in 2009; this was a working document setting out the information to be taken into consideration during the main redrafting phase. The revision exercise was carried out by the Steering Group with the assistance of a smaller drafting group which undertook detailed work in between meetings. The drafting work was completed on schedule in November 2010 and a Revision Draft was then issued in December for a 60-day stakeholder consultation.

Following on from the consultation, a Consultation Report was developed early in 2011and further work was undertaken to develop a pre-approval draft which was issued in April 2011 for a final round of consultation. A 'Final Draft' was prepared taking into account the additional comments received and was finalised on schedule during summer 2011.

The consultation and review process required a lot of hard work from those who took the trouble to submit evidence and those involved in the drafting process - sincere thanks are due to all those concerned.

The first edition of the UKWAS in 1999 heralded a sea-change in our sector's approach to demonstrating its environmental and social credentials alongside its contribution to the national economy. The draft third edition is evolutionary rather than revolutionary in its approach and is designed to conform to the requirements of the newly revised UK Forestry Standard and those of FSC and PEFC.

Many changes involve minor updating to embrace new technical or scientific knowledge such as the latest guidance on deadwood management. In addition, the Steering Group has looked to embrace new and complex issues facing woodland managers such as the need for our woodlands to be resilient to climate change and the consequent impact on our weather and the incidence of pests and disease. The opportunity has been taken to clarify the standard wherever possible with particular focus on defining the woodland management unit, identifying woodlands of high conservation value and elaborating better the requirements restricting the conversion of woodland to non-forested land. The section on pesticides, biological control agents and fertilizers has also been revised so that it now conforms to both FSC and PEFC requirements whilst re-emphasising its clear focus on avoiding and minimising usage. As a consequence of a further review of small and low intensity managed (SLIM) woodland issues and the results of international benchmarking, the 'small woodland' upper threshold has been raised from 100 hectares to 500 hectares; this should deliver benefits to smaller owners in terms of ensuring that certification scheme auditing requirements are not unduly onerous.

The Final Draft has been provided to FSC UK and PEFC UK who have both prepared the necessary supporting documentation and submitted the revised standard to their respective international bodies for their approval or endorsement. At the time of writing, FSC and PEFC are undertaking assessment of the standard and it is anticipated that they will both conclude their work before the end of the year.

The UKWAS standard is now central to the UK programmes of both FSC and PEFC. The latest figures show that 45% of the UK's woodland area and an estimated 85% of harvested timber is certified through one or both of these schemes. Indeed it is a unique feature of the UK forestry sector that woodlands can be dual certified to a single national standard so providing enterprises with the maximum possible flexibility to meet their customers' needs at least cost.

There can be little doubt that the UKWAS has contributed to raising the standard of woodland management across the United Kingdom and I am confident that the third edition will prove to be a robust and essential tool enabling UK producers to demonstrate their good credentials to stakeholders and customers.

Finally, thanks are due to our Members and supporters for their financial support and continued commitment to the UKWAS process during these difficult economic times.

Peter Wilson FICFor CEnv Executive Chairman

#### **Company Information**

The UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) is the standard for the independent certification of forest management in the UK. The Standard has been developed by a broad partnership of economic, environmental and social organisations in response to increasing demand for products from forests certified as sustainably managed.

A not-for-profit company, "United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS)", was established in 2003 to own and manage the standard. The company is limited by guarantee and is managed by its members; its objectives are "to own, interpret, develop and promote a certification standard for forest management in the United Kingdom on behalf of United Kingdom forestry and environmental communities, and bodies which represent the interests of people working in woods and forests or using them for the purpose of recreation, for the general benefit of people".

UKWAS members appoint a broadly based Steering Group which has responsibility for interpreting the standard and ensuring its periodic revision to take account of experience from its application and new information that arises. The Steering Group appoints an Interpretation Panel to provide users of the standard with advice on interpretation of the standard.

#### **Steering Group**

The Steering Group takes all its decisions by consensus. This means that it will not act in a way that is against the expressed wishes of any one of its members. The Steering Group is the ultimate authority for deciding how the requirements of the Standard should be interpreted in practice and is responsible for keeping the Standard under review. A Board of Directors manages the Company's business on a day-to-day basis between Steering Group meetings.

#### **Interpretation Panel**

The Panel is chaired by Roger Cooper and has a balanced representation of environmental, economic and social interests. The Panel produces Interpretation Notes on aspects of the standard that come before it and where it is felt that further guidance would be helpful; these are published on the UKWAS website.

Representatives of FSC UK and PEFC UK are invited to attend to provide a link with the certification schemes currently using the standard.

The Secretary to the Panel is Fiona Angier.

#### Task Groups

The Steering Group establishes Task Groups, usually on a task-and-finish basis, to provide advice on specific topics.

#### Membership

Confederation of Forest Industries Country Land & Business Association Forest Stewardship Council UK

Forestry Commission Institute of Chartered Foresters National Trust Northern Ireland Forest Service

Associate Members (Non-voting)

Control Union UK Ltd SGS Qualifor (UK & Ireland) Soil Association / Woodmark PEFC UK Royal Society for the Protection of Birds UK Statutory Conservation, Countryside & Environment Agencies United Kingdom Forest Products Association WWF-UK Wood Panel Industries Federation Woodland Trust

#### Membership Constituencies and Steering Group representatives (November 2011)

Constituency (allocated Steering Group seats)	Member Organisations	Member Contacts	Steering Group Representatives
Woodland owners (6)			
	Confederation of Forest Industries	Chris Inglis	1 Chris Inglis - Confor
	Country Land & Business Association	Mike Seville	2 Mike Seville - CLA
Forestry practitioners			
	Institute of Chartered Foresters	Shireen Chambers	1 Simon Hart - ICF
	Confederation of Forest Industries	Chris Inglis	2 Chris Inglis - Confor
			3 Andy Shirley Priest - ICF
			4 Garry McInnes - ICF
State forest enterprise	es (4)		
	Forestry Commission	Richard Howe	1 Stephen Smith - FCE
	Northern Ireland Forest Service	David Small	2 Hugh Clayden - FCS
			3 Richard Siddons - FCW
			4 Stuart Morwood - NIFS
Environmental organi	isations (6)		
j	Woodland Trust	Hilary Allison	1 Gordon Pfetscher - WT
	WWF-UK	Beatrix Richards	2 Beatrix Richards – WWF-UK
	RSPB	Mike Wood	3 Mike Wood – RSPB
	National Trust	Ray Hawes	4 Ray Hawes - NT
Forest user organisat	tions (2)		
	(_)		Vacant
Wood processing ind	lustry (3)		radant
j	Wood Panel Industries Federation	Alastair Kerr	1 Alastair Kerr - WPIF
	UK Forest Products Association	David Sulman	2 David Sulman – UKFPA
	Confederation of Forest Industries	Chris Inglis	3 Chris Inglis - Confor
Wood products trade		ernie niglie	e er inglie e e inglie
	WWF-UK (Forest & Trade Network)	Beatrix Richards	1 Beatrix Richards – WWF-UK
Forest workforce (2)			
			Vacant
UK Countryside, Envi	ironment and Heritage Agencies (3)		
<b>_</b>	UK Statutory Conservation, Countryside & Environment Agencies	Emma Goldberg	1 Emma Goldberg – Natural England
Local government an	d National Park Authorities (2)		
			Vacant
Forestry Standard Se	tting and Labelling Bodies (6)		
	Forestry Commission	Richard Howe	1Richard Howe - FC
	Forest Stewardship Council UK	Charles Thwaites	2 Charles Thwaites – FSC UK
	Northern Ireland Forest Service	David Small	3 Alun Watkins – PEFC UK
	PEFC UK	Alun Watkins	
Education. Research	& Training (3 non-voting)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
,,,,,,,,			Vacant

#### **Registered office**

59 George Street Edinburgh EH2 2JG

Tel: 0131 240 1419 Fax: 0131 240 1411 Email: ukwas@confor.org.uk Website: www.ukwas.org.uk

#### Accountants

Ogilvie & Company Limited 25 Rutland Square Edinburgh EH1 2BW

#### Bankers

Barclays Bank plc 1 St Andrew Square Edinburgh EH2 2BD

#### **Company Registration**

Registered in Scotland (SC199337)

#### **Board of Directors**

Peter Wilson	Chair
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Richard Howe	Director
Christopher Inglis	Director
Gordon Pfetscher	Director

Fiona Angier Secretary

#### Administration and Support Unit

Peter Wilson	Executive Chairman and facilitation
Fiona Angier	Company administration and support

**United Kingdom Woodland** 

**Assurance Standard** 

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Confor, 59 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2JG on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 13.30.

By Order of the Board

Fiona Angier Secretary

7th October 2011

All members may appoint a proxy to vote in their place at General Meetings.

Such persons having a proxy vote should have a letter signed by the Appointer giving permission of proxy, and should inform the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting that they have a proxy vote.



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**Fiona Angier** 

## 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

### Confor, 59 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2JG

13.30

#### AGENDA

- **1.** Notice convening the meeting
- 2. Apologies
- **3.** Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010
- 4. Chairman's Report
- **5.** To receive the Financial Statements and Directors' and Accountants' Reports for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010
- 6. Election of Chair

The Steering Group has nominated Peter Wilson for re-election to serve for the period until the next AGM.

7. Resolution to amend Member Subscription Rates

The Board of Directors recommends that subscription rates for Ordinary and Associate Members are increased by 5% (see page 13).

8. Admission of new Members

No applications for membership have been received.

9. Appointment of Accountants

The Board of Directors recommends that Ogilvie & Company Limited, Chartered Accountants, Edinburgh be re-appointed.

10. Close of meeting

#### MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF UK WOODLAND ASSURANCE STANDARD (UKWAS) FC, SILVAN HOUSE, 231 CORSTORPHINE ROAD, EDINBURGH ON 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

#### Officers:

Peter Wilson - Executive Chairman	Richard Howe - Director
Fiona Angier - Company Secretary	Chris Inglis - Director
	Gordon Pfetscher - Director

#### Member representatives present:

ConFor – Chris Inglis FC – Richard Howe ICF – Simon Hart\* PEFC UK – Willie Walker UK Countryside Agencies – Emma Goldberg Woodland Trust – Gordon Pfetscher CLA – Mark Thomasin Foster FSC UK – Charles Thwaites National Trust – Chair\* RSPB - Michael Wood UKFPA – Chair\* WPIF – Chair\*

\*Appointed proxy holder

#### In attendance:

Hugh Clayden – FC Douglas Orr – SGS Forestry

#### **Apologies:**

Ray Hawes (National Trust) Stuart Morwood (NIFS) Andy Shirley Priest (ICF) David Sulman (UKFPA) Mariska van der Linden - FC Richard Siddons – FC

Alastair Kerr (WPIF) Beatrix Richards (WWF-UK) Nicol Sinclair (FC) Mike Seville (CLA)

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the seventh Annual General Meeting of the Company.

#### 1. Notice convening the meeting

The Notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

#### 2. Apologies

Apologies were noted as above and the meeting was confirmed as quorate.

#### 3. Minute of the Annual General Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009

The Minute was approved as a correct record and was signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising.

#### 4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman referred to his written report in the Annual report.

He thanked all company members for their continued financial support and particularly the additional support given by ConFor, Forestry Commission, FSC UK and PEFC UK. He concluded by thanking the members of the Oversight Drafting Group for their untiring work on the Revision Draft over the last few months.

# 5. To receive the Financial Statements and Accountants' Report for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009

The Company Secretary reported on the financial statements for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009 and noted that Messrs Ogilvie and Company Chartered Accountants had prepared the report. The reports had been scrutinised and approved by the Directors and a copy of the statements and report had been lodged with Companies House.

#### 6. Election of Chair

The Company Secretary noted that in accordance with Article 63 the Steering Group had nominated Peter Wilson for re-election as Chairman of the company, to serve until the next AGM.

Peter Wilson was re-elected unanimously.

#### 7. Resolution to amend Member Subscription Rates

The Chairman advised that the Board of Directors had recommended that subscription rates for Ordinary Members are raised by 3.6% and for Associate Members by 4.0% or 5.0% according to turnover. This was agreed unanimously.

#### 8. Admission of new members

There were no applications for membership to be considered.

#### 9. Appointment of Accountants

The Company Secretary advised that after a successful first year performance the Board of Directors recommend that Ogilvie & Company, Chartered Accountants, Edinburgh be reappointed. This was agreed unanimously.

#### 10. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 2.15pm.

#### Agenda Item 7

#### **Resolution to amend Member Subscription Rates**

In accordance with Article 7 the Board of Directors has considered the matter of subscription rates within the context of the overall continuing financial needs of the Company over the coming years.

The Directors consider it necessary for the value of subscription rates to be maintained in real terms. The Directors are therefore recommending a rise in subscription rates with effect from January  $1^{st}$  2012 of 5% for Ordinary and Associate Members (with rounding to the nearest £5); these figures are broadly in line with current CPI and RPI inflation rates of 4.5% and 5.2% for August 2011.

The current and the proposed new rates for Ordinary Members are as follows:

Level 1 (Organisations with an income of £200,000 or more, <u>or</u> who have a significant interest in forest certification)

Current rate: £570 Proposed rate: £600

Level 2 (Organisations with an income of less than £200,000, or who have no significant interest in forest certification)

Current rate: £275 Proposed rate: £300

Level 3 (Organisations with an income of less than £200,000 and who have no significant interest in forest certification)

Current rate: £28.50 Proposed rate: £30

The current and the proposed new rates for Associate Members are as follows:

Level 1 (Commercial enterprises with a turnover of £200,000 or more)

Current rate: £260 Proposed rate: £270

Level 2 (Commercial enterprises with a turnover of less than £200,000, societies and woodland initiatives)

Current rate: £105 Proposed rate: £110

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#### **REGISTERED NUMBER: SC199337**

**Report of the Directors and** 

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

for

United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS)

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#### Company Information for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### **DIRECTORS:**

P H Wilson C J Inglis R Howe G Pfetscher

#### SECRETARY:

Mrs F M Angier

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

59 George Street Edinburgh EH2 2JG

#### **REGISTERED NUMBER:**

SC199337

**ACCOUNTANTS:** 

Ogilvie & Company 25 Rutland Square Edinburgh EH1 2BW

#### **Report of the Directors** for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2010.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company acts as manager and trustee of the United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard organising meetings of the company and steering group and the interpretation & revision of the company's standard for sustainable forestry management.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2010 to the date of this report.

P H Wilson C J Inglis R Howe G Pfetscher

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mrs F M Angier - Secretary

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011

#### Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

I	Notes	2010 £	2009 £
TURNOVER		7,750	8,025
Administrative expenses		59,330	36,189
		(51,580)	(28,164)
Other operating income		52,600	45,000
OPERATING PROFIT	2	1,020	16,836
Interest receivable and similar income		20	18
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1,040	16,854
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	<u> </u>	4
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		1,036	16,850

The notes form part of these financial statements

#### Balance Sheet 31 December 2010

		2010	2009
	Notes	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	4	173	173
Cash at bank		<u>31,851</u>	30,706
		32,024	30,879
CREDITORS	-	004	225
Amounts falling due within one year	5	994	885
NET CURRENT ASSETS		31,030	29,994
			27,771
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT	LIABILITIES	31,030	29,994
RESERVES			
Profit and loss account	6	31,030	29,994
		<u>31,030</u>	29,994

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2010.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and were signed on its behalf by:

P H Wilson - Director

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of services, excluding value added tax.

#### 2. **OPERATING PROFIT**

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2010 £	2009 £
Directors' remuneration and other benefits etc	25,772	25,093

#### 3. TAXATION

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	2010 £	20
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax	4	
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	_
DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2010	20
Other debtors	£ 173	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2010	20
Tonation and assist associate	£	-
Taxation and social security Other creditors	4 990	

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### 6. **RESERVES**

	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2010	29,994
Profit for the year	1,036
At 31 December 2010	<u>31,030</u>

#### 7. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is controlled by the members.

#### 8. COMPANY STATUS

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding  $\pounds 1$  towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

#### Chartered Accountants' Report to the Board of Directors on the Unaudited Financial Statements of United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS)

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at icaew.com/membershandbook.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS), as a body, in accordance with our terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS), as a body, in this report in accordance with AAF 2/10 as detailed at icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and its Board of Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS). You consider that United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS). For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

Ogilvie & Company 25 Rutland Square Edinburgh EH1 2BW

30<sup>th</sup> June 2011

#### Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
Members subscriptions		7,750		8,025
Other income				
Additional annual members contributions				
ConFor	550		550	
FC	39,450		24,450	
FSC UK	550		550	
PEFC UK	9,450		9,450	
Additional project specific contributions	500			
ConFor FC	500 1,000		- 10,000	
FC FSC UK	300		10,000	
PEFC UK	300		-	
Woodland Trust	500		-	
Interest receivable	20		18	
		52,620		45,018
		60,370		53,043
Expenditure				
Directors' fees	25,772		25,093	
Design and marketing	241		379	
Sundry expenses	15		15	
Administrative services	10,207		9,153	
Revision costs	17,997		-	
Small woods project	2,910		-	
Meeting costs	1,123		584	
Accountancy Professional fees	660 220		587	
Professional fees	330	50.255	294	26 105
		59,255		36,105
		1,115		16,938
Finance costs				
Bank charges		75		84
NET PROFIT		1,040		16,854

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

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