

November 15th, 2024

**Ahlstrom Self-Declaration Relevant to FSC® Policy of Association of Organization
with FSC, reference source FSC-POL-01-004**

In continuity of its self-declaration established on August, the 17th 2018, Ahlstrom Group, represented by the Vice Presidency of Sustainability and Public Affairs, reaffirms its association with the Forest Stewardship Council A.C., Oaxaca, Mexico, or one of its subsidiaries or affiliates (hereinafter: FSC) by being either a member of or having a contractual relationship with FSC. Hereby Ahlstrom Group explicitly states that it has read and understood the “Policy for the Association of Organizations with FSC” as published under www.fsc.org. This policy stipulates FSC’s position with regards to unacceptable activities by organizations and individuals which already are or would like to be associated with FSC as well as the mechanism for disassociation. In light of the above, Ahlstrom Group explicitly agrees currently and in the future, as long as the relationship with FSC exists, not to be directly or indirectly involved in the following unacceptable activities:

- a) Illegal logging or the trade in illegal wood or forest products;
- b) Violation of traditional and human rights in forestry operations;
- c) Destruction of high conservation values in forestry operations;
- d) Significant conversion of forests to plantations or non-forest use;
- e) Introduction of genetically modified organisms in forestry operations;

In addition, Ahlstrom Group recognizes that the principles established by the International Labor Organization through the 1998 Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (the “Principles”) serve to guide governments in the protection of the basic rights of workers without defining a uniform path for every nation to follow. Based upon these Principles, and consistent with applicable national law, rights, regulations, and administrative/judicial rules and procedures, Ahlstrom Group respects:

- a) Freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- b) The elimination of all forms of forced or compulsory labor;
- c) The effective abolition of child labor; and
- d) The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Signed by:

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Signed in Helsinki, on November the 15th, 2024