

## SUMMARY OF THE SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT (SFM) CERTIFICATION PROCESS

To foster continuous improvement, Kruger, Forest and Wood Products is pursuing its efforts to further define performance components and objectives in the area of sustainable forest management (SFM). This dynamic process has been marked by significant milestones:

- **1997:** Kruger, Forest and Wood Products, along other forest companies operating in common area 043-20, initiate the CAN/CSA-Z809-96 certification process.
- **1999:** Kruger, Forest and Wood Products decides to work toward ISO 14001 certification, and lay the groundwork for subsequent certification under the CAN/CSA-Z809-96 standard.
- **2001:** Kruger, Forest and Wood Products achieves ISO 14001 certification for the forest management planning and monitoring activities under its environmental management system. The certificate was awarded on August 8, 2001, by QMI, an accredited outside auditor.
- **2003:** In November, Kruger, Forest and Wood Products, along with four other forest companies operating in common area 043-20, achieves sustainable forest management certification under Canadian standard CAN/CSA-Z809-02. While ISO 14001 certification applies only to Kruger, Forest and Wood Products's operations, the sustainable forest management certification applies to the defined forest area within common area 043-20. The ***certificate was issued on November 7, 2003, by QMI, a division of the CSA group.***
- **2006:** In August 2006, the QMI registrar carried out a complete audit of our systems for recertification purposes. This audit is done every three years and is made up of two monitoring audits by the registrar. There were no instances of non-conformity uncovered during the audit. The complete report is available from the SFM and environment coordinator.

The sustainable forest management plan and the results of the audits made by the Registrar are available on request. Please write to [forestryqc@kruger.com](mailto:forestryqc@kruger.com)

The development of the sustainable forest management system for the defined forest area will help the company uphold the forest values outlined in the criteria and elements established by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers.

In addition to providing for public participation, the system will ensure compliance with performance requirements in a systematic and predictable manner, thereby guaranteeing continuous improvement in the area of sustainable forest management.