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## SCA Maintains FSC FM Certification While Constructive Dialogue Continues

Since last summer, SCA has been engaged in an ongoing and constructive dialogue with the Swedish Sámi Association (Svenska Samernas Riksförbund, SSR) and FSC International regarding the challenges and opportunities related to the application of FSC forest management certification. A central part of the dialogue with SSR is the joint work currently underway to develop a mutually agreed reindeer husbandry strategy. The purpose of this strategy is to clarify how a long-term, predictable, and practically workable collaboration between SCA and reindeer husbandry can be developed and integrated into forest planning and operations.

As part of its ambition to create long-term stability and confidence in this work, SCA has decided to remain a member of FSC and to continue FSC certification of its forestry operations as long as the company assesses that the ongoing discussions remain constructive and can lead to agreements that enable sustainable forestry in the relevant areas, taking into account the needs of both reindeer husbandry and industry. This decision is rooted in the company's conviction that well-functioning certification, with independent auditing and structured follow-up, is a key instrument for responsible and sustainable forestry.

In parallel with the dialogue with SSR, SCA is also engaged in discussions with FSC International regarding already identified challenges in the design and application of the Swedish forest management standard. SCA advocates for a certification system that is legally robust, science-based, and practically applicable, and that responsibly balances nature conservation, reindeer husbandry, climate efforts, and long-term forest production, with FSC members standing behind the jointly adopted FSC standards.

SCA's forestry operations have been FSC certified since 1999, and the company continues to view certification through FSC and/or PEFC as an important part of its sustainability work and of customers' confidence that raw materials originate from responsibly managed forest landscapes. All forestry operations are continuously monitored through independent third-party audits.

In the autumn of 2025, SCA's forestry operations underwent an independent FSC audit, which confirmed that the operations meet FSC's requirements for sustainable and responsible forestry. The audit, which included two weeks of field inspections, interviews, and document reviews, resulted in a positive overall assessment with only minor non-conformities. The outcome demonstrates that SCA complies with established guidelines and can verify this to customers, investors, and other stakeholders.

SCA will continue to work together with all relevant stakeholders to strengthen dialogue and contribute to long-term sustainable solutions for both forestry and reindeer husbandry.

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