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Standard: GECA 28-2005 – Furniture and Fittings

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ESO Group Pty Ltd
Good Environmental Choice Australia

ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICE PRODUCT DECLARATION





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Good Environmental Choice Verification Information

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ESO Group Pty Ltd is dedicated to using recycled and naturally renewable materials in conjunction with sustainable methods of manufacture and is committed to the supply of high quality, well designed, affordable and sustainable commercial furniture.

The ESO range of lounges and chairs has been assessed and accepted as compliant to the requirements of the Australian "Good Environmental Choice" Label. The requirements of the program are publicly available at www.geca.org.au.

1. Description of Company and Production

Company name: ESO Group Pty Ltd

Products:

Pert	True
Pulse	Tough
Spark	Nub
Grow	Rest
Grow Up	ESO Plop 1-9
Home 1, 2, 3	

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2. Description of the verification

The Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. manages the Good Environmental Choice – Mark of Conformity in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third party Environmental Labelling and Declaration as the only product life cycle independent environmental declaration in Australia (www.geca.org.au). The organisation and is an independent non-profit environmental research and certification organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Ecolabel Program by Good Environmental Choice Australia the products have been awarded the "Good Environmental Choice" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The verification procedure is managed via a Documented Quality Management System and Certification Program Manuals which have made significant use of the ISO 14 000 series. The following standards have been adapted to the programs requirements, ISO 14 001, 14 0012, the 14020 series, 14 031 environmental performance evaluation, 14040

Compliance to the requirements of the Australian Ecolabel Program's Good Environmental Choice Australia No 28 - Standard Furniture and fittings has been awarded certification for the below product range Products.

ISO 14 024, based environmental labelling and declaration programs identify the most important environmental loads along the product life cycle, and stipulate levels of good environmental performance on these particular characteristics. This EPD outlines the results of the verification.

3. The products

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The range of lounge groups and occasional furniture by the ESO group is aimed at the commercial furniture market, the products are manufactured using environmentally preferable components and processes.

4. Key Environmental Performance Findings by GECA

Criterion, Requirements	ESO Group Result Data
Fitness for Purpose	ESO Group Pty Ltd offers a 5 to 10 years warranty for all the products under assessment. The products meet the fitness for purpose requirements of this standard.
Fibre source	Fibre sources were tracked, documented and investigated for origin. All fibre sources originate from plantation forests in Australia.

Treatment	Products are not treated with Fungicides and insecticides during the production and manufacturing of the products.
Air Emissions	Ongoing independent and NATA laboratory results confirm emission at below 1mg./lt using the Australian standard testing method.
Plastics	Plastics contained within the product have relevant Resin codes that are required to be placed on the products.
Padding material requirements	ESO product group supplier of padding material treats its waste on site and reduces the COD levels by at least 90% before discharge into the aquatic waterways.
Prohibited Substances	The ESO Group Pty Ltd Product range does not contain any of the following prohibited substances. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Halogenated organic binding agents -Halogenated organic flame retardants -Aniline based amines, -Phthalates, -Aziridine or Polyaziridines -Pigments and additives that contain lead, tin, cadmium, mercury or their compounds.
Product Stewardship	ESO manufacturing sites have in place established take back and recovery of products from the industrial waste stream for recycling.
Coatings and treatments	The ESO Group Pty Ltd product range is not coated, labelled, treated or impregnated in a manner which would prevent post consumer recycling.

5. Environmental and Social Regulatory Obligations:

The ESO Group Pty Ltd and its subcontractors conform to all local, state and federal environmental regulations relevant to its operations, and the manufacturing site is suitably zoned. No breaches of local environmental regulations have been found by GECA in its assessment of the ESO Group.

The ESO Group Pty Ltd and its associated contractors comply with all relevant social regulations, including occupational health and safety, employee remuneration and anti-discrimination.

6. Additional Information

A detailed verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer. The Good Environmental Choice program is the national environmental product life cycle labelling program for Australia. Further details of the Australian Ecolabel Program are available at <http://www.geca.org.au>.

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