



EARTHCHECK

ONSITE CERTIFICATION AUDIT REPORT FOR COMMUNITIES

SNAEFELLSNES PENINSULA



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DISCLAIMER

This Onsite Certification Audit report is limited to what the Auditor has read, seen and heard during these investigations.

The extent of this review is of compliance or non-compliance to the EarthCheck Community Standard. The review of supporting evidence has been conducted on a random sampling basis.

INTRODUCTION

Onsite Certification Audit Report

This is an Onsite Certification Audit Report to determine if the Member has met the requirements of the EarthCheck Community Standard. An approved EarthCheck Auditor has completed this report.

Authorisation Process

A draft of this report is issued to the Member for review. If in agreement with these findings, please complete the 'Auditee Acknowledgement' section of this report and send through to EarthCheck Certification certification@earthcheck.org for Authorisation within 7 days of receipt.

AUDIT SCOPE

Scope of Audit

This report is based on an Onsite Certification Audit undertaken of Snæfellsnes Peninsula located on the west coast of Iceland. Residents are just under 4000. Snæfellsnes Peninsula is divided into five communities; Stykkishólmur, Helgafellssveit, Eyja- og miklaholtshreppur, Grundarfjörður and Snæfellsbaer. The total area is 1479 km². Businesses that could be defined as tourist business are 81.

Methodology

The methodology of this Onsite Certification Audit included an opening and closing meeting with the management team, review of the Community Self Assessment Checklist and supporting evidence provided, verification of the Benchmarking data, interviews with the EarthCheck Community Authority, field observations including a review of site conditions and the local environment.

The member has been reviewed against the EarthCheck Community Standard:

X Version 1.1

Supporting Evidence Reviewed

The Onsite Certification Audit involved review of the following supporting evidence:

- Mandate for the board. last revised 2011
- Website survey: <http://nesvottun.is/2013/02/22/ibuakonnun/>
- Mandate for the board, *Erindisbréf Framkvæmdaráðs um umhverfsvottun Snæfellsness*, authorised in April 2004 and last revised December 2011.
- Sustainability Policy of Snæfellsnes. Initially adopted in January 2004 last reviewed in 2014.
- Notes on community survey held 2013.
- Contract of employment, *Ráðningarsamningur*, for mrs. Mattíasdóttir, dated April 14th 2010, signed by mrs. Mattíasdóttir and mr. Stefansson the director of West Iceland Institute of Natural History.
- Job description for Environmental Coordinator, *Starfslysing umhverfisfulltrúa*, for the five communities of communities of Snæfellsnes peninsula.
- www.nesvottun.is with meeting minutes Board of Executives.
- EMS Plan
- Action plan 2014 – 2018. *Framkvæmdaáætlun Snæfellsness 2014 – 2018*.
- Comments on EarthCheck Benchmarking results. Benchmarking period: 2012
- The Benchmarking report for 2012 issued by EC3 September 3rd 2013.
- Statistics Iceland (official data)
- List of laws and regulations.
- Community plan in progress www.svaedisgardur.is
- Annual reports for the EarthCheck communities.
- Data collection procedure. EMS plan section 9. *Verklagsregla um sofnun tolulegra gagna, verklagt001*.
- Gap analysis (dated December 2013)
- Questioner sent to businesses when preparing the gap analyses dated November 27th 2013.
- Meeting NVS on plastic November 12th.

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AUDIT FINDINGS

A summary of compliance against the EarthCheck Community Standard is detailed below:

SECTION 1 – COMMUNITY AUTHORITY

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE: Sections 1.1. – 1.10

1.1 Snæfellsnes Peninsula is properly constituted, and has a mandate to provide leadership for the management of EarthCheck sustainable environmental and social outcomes for a Community and a defined Community Area

Auditor Notes:

A mandate exists which describes the responsibilities of the executive board. Board members are community leaders (mayors) from the five EarthCheck communities of Snæfellsnes Peninsula. It clearly demonstrates delegated authority and the empowerment of its members. The document has a chapter on empowerment, roles and definitions, meeting arrangement and finance.

Evidence: Mandate for the board, *Erindisbréf Framkvæmdaráðs um umhverfisevni Snæfellsnes*, authorised in April 2004 and last revised December 2011.

1.2 The executive council is formally mandated by the local Community to achieve EarthCheck Community status for the Community and the defined Community Area

Auditor Notes:

The local governments have formally adopted the Sustainability Policy and it has been introduced to the inhabitants.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snæfellsnes. Initially adopted in January 2004 last reviewed in 2014.

1.3 The executive council (*Framkvæmdaráð*) is accountable for the requirements of the EarthCheck Community Standard for the defined Community Area.

Auditor Notes:

The sustainability Policy of Snæfellsnes defines the objectives of the Community Standard.

Evidence sighted: The sustainability Policy of Snæfellsnes, initially adopted in January 2004 last reviewed in 2014.

1.4 The executive council (*Framkvæmdaráð*) is accountable to the Community in the process of achieving the requirements of the EarthCheck Community Standard

Auditor Notes:

EarthCheck matters are discussed in the Executive Board Meetings. EarthCheck Coordinator is employee of the board. Community members can contact the board through the coordinator or board representatives. It is also possible to contact the board through a website and Facebook. Recently there was a survey amongst inhabitants and companies on the future of sustainability work in the area.

Evidence sighted Notes on survey held 2013.

Evidence sighted website: <http://nesvottun.is/2013/02/22/ibuakonnun/>

1.5 An EarthCheck Community process leader is appointed who has clear lines of authority and is empowered to make decisions to achieve the EarthCheck process.

Auditor Notes:

There is an EarthCheck Community Process Leader in 80% position. His empowerment and role in the EarthCheck process is prescribed. The documents clearly describe duties and obligations towards the EarthCheck certification processes.

Evidence sighted Contract of employment, *Ráðningarsamningur*, for Mrs. Mattíasdóttir, dated April 14th 2010, signed by Mrs. Mattíasdóttir and Mr. Stefansson the director of West Iceland Institute of Natural History.

Evidence sighted Job description for Environmental Coordinator, *Starfslysing umhverfisfulltrúa*, for the five communities of communities of Snæfellsnes peninsula.

1.6 Snæfellsnes has established community Authority organisational framework and supports resources to underpin the management of sustainable environmental, economic and social performance outcomes.

Auditor Notes:

The Earth Check process is integrated with other work of the West Iceland institute for natural history, NSV. Their community leaders (whom also are the process leaders, Council of Executives) have their framework for planning and decision-making.

Evidence sighted www.nesvottun.is with meeting minutes Board of Executives.

1.8 Snæfellsnes maintains proper records of Community Authority operations including minutes of Community meetings, policy statements, operational plans, annual performance reviews, a budget, and records of sustainable performance monitoring information.

Auditor Notes:

The EMS plan is a folder containing records of operations, procedures, policies, contracts, job descriptions, meeting minutes, risk assessment, contingency plan gap analyses, law register, communication plan and benchmarking data. Records are kept.

Evidence sighted EMS Plan and meeting minutes.

1.9 Snæfellsnes has developed and achieved quantified environmental and social performance improvement targets for the Community based on EarthCheck Benchmarking.

Auditor Notes:

The foundation for the EarthCheck process is the newly introduced Action plan 2014 - 2018. It demonstrates the sustainability strategy and visions. The document is not yet published on web but will be after discussion signing in town council.

Evidence sighted: Sustainability action plan: *Framvkæmdaáætlun Snæfellsness 2014 - 2018*.

Evidence sighted: On page 32 of the Action Plan, there is a list of quantified improvement targets, accountable agents are listed and the targets have time frames. All targets are linked to EarthCheck requirements.

Minor Corrective Action Request: The Action Plan 2014 - 2018 needs to be signed and implemented.

1.10 Maintain an annual aggregated Benchmarking performance report of the Community's sustainable performance against strategic plan targets

Auditor Notes:

Documents/reports on benchmarking performance have been maintained every year from the beginning.

Evidence sighted Comments on EarthCheck Benchmarking results. Benchmarking period: 2012

Evidence sighted The Benchmarking report for 2012 issued by EC3 September 3rd 2013.

SECTION 2 - POLICY

Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy

Yes

No

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE: Sections 2.1 – 2.11

Snaefellsnes has prepared a Community Environmental and Social Sustainability policy, which incorporates considerations, listed below, is appropriate to the location, nature, and environmental, social and political context of the Community and specifically includes tourism activity and development issues.

Auditor Notes:

There is a sustainability policy for Snaefellsnes community. It is appropriate to the local needs and it addresses a special emphasis on environmentally responsible tourism in the area.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

2.2 It takes account of relevant international and national sustainable agreements and policies

Auditor Notes:

Commitment to international agreements is addressed.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

2.3 The policy includes a commitment to an integrated approach to achieving sustainable environmental and social Community performance outcomes.

Auditor Notes:

Integrated approach is included.

Evidence sighted: Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes

2.4 The policy has a commitment to Community participation in the process of achieving environmental and socially sustainable Community outcomes.

Auditor Notes:

Commitment for communication with stakeholders and interested parties in order to ensure a consistent approach to achieving outstanding environmental and social performance is included.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

2.5 The policy recognises the importance of environmental, economic and social performance improvement outcomes, with particular reference to addressing local Community sustainability issues.

Auditor Notes:

Commitment to continual improvement is recognised.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

2.6 The policy commits to individualise environmental and socially sustainable performance accountability to companies, community members and authorities within the Community. It has a special emphasis on leadership by the tourism industry in achieving improved social and environmentally sustainable outcomes.

Auditor Notes:

The policy encourages other communities, organisations and individuals to follow the example of the Snaefellsnes community and improve their sustainable performance, especially in respect to tourism.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

2.6 The policy has a regard to the World Tourism Organisation's Global Code of Ethics for Tourism in the development of the Community Policy

Auditor Notes:

Commitment the World Tourism Organisation's (UNWTO's) Code of Ethics is recognised.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

2.8 The policy agrees to strategically target year-on-year improvements for relevant EarthCheck Benchmarking Indicators that fall below the EarthCheck Best Practice Level, and maintain all other impacts at, or better than, the EarthCheck Best Practice Level.

Auditor Notes:

There is a commitment provided to work for continual improvement of environmental, economic and social performance as reflected in the EarthCheck benchmarking report.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

Evidence sighted: Sustainability action plan 2014 – 2018

2.9 The policy has a commitment to give preference to employment, products and services of local community origin.

Auditor Notes:

There is a statement "to give preference to employment and the purchase of local products and services".

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

2.10 The policy Commits to adopting and promoting the Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy to the Community.

Auditor Notes:

A commitment to communicate and disseminate information is in the policy.

Evidence sighted Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes.

2.11 The policy agrees to review the Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy annually.

Auditor Notes:

The policy has been reviewed for 2014.

Evidence sighted: Sustainability Policy of Snaefellsnes

SECTION 3 - BENCHMARKING

Benchmarking Assessment Report dated 2013

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE: Sections 3.1-3.8

The management and performance is well assessed and documented for every key performance area. EarthCheck sector benchmarking indicators for communities are the basis for performance measurements.

Performance is measured when possible but estimated are estimated in some cases.

Snaefellsnes falls below baseline in two categories. However, both categories are by nature such that the EarthCheck counsel has little control.

Evidence sighted Comments on EarthCheck Benchmarking results for period 2012 and numerous e-mails containing performance data, excel work sheets containing performance calculations and publicly available data.

Auditor's notes on 3.1 Container of herbicide was found during audit. Use of weed killers is defined as not relevant/not available in benchmark assessment report.

Minor CAR raised Clarify use and management of pesticide products.

Activity Measure Verified:

Number of residents is based on info provided by Statistics Iceland (official data). The exact number used for January 1st 2012 was verified. Info on overnight stays can be sought on the same data bank. Numbers where verified. Day-trippers are however estimated to be 93.5% of the overnight stays (same estimate is used every year).

Calculations where verified.

Energy Data and Sources Verified:

Hydro electricity (grid): 95.734.904 kwh. Official records. Table from the local energy provider. Email dated February 7th containing attachment with the total use for the four communities. The numbers add up. No variance.

Hydropower: 228.362 refers to locally produced electricity at four farms. The record sent with emails and the calculations where verified. Email dated march 6th from Knarrartunga (no production due to breakdown) and email dated January 31st from Lindarvirkjun (production of 4.387 kwh in 2012). No variance.

Oil for ships: 819.166 L. E-mail dated January 23rd 2013. Figures for two ships (Baldur and

Særún). No variance and calculations in table ads up.

Stationary oil: 103.988 L. Figures for Snaefellsbaer and Grundarfjordur in emails dated January 31th 2013 and Mach 31st. No variance.

Calculations for energy (MJ) and CO2 are correct.

Water Data and Sources Verified:

Potable water: 3.492.818. Official records obtained from Orkuveitan (water provider). Verified in email from January 28th 2013 for Stykkisholmur and Grundarfjordur.

The usage is estimated for Snaefellsbear (yet no meter).

Minor CAR raised. Water usage should be metered.

The usage is estimated 700 l/day for the rural communities.

Geothermal water for swimming and other use is estimated.

Waste Data and Sources Verified:

Calculations for waste are difficult. Different waste collectors in different communities within Snaefellsnes. Those collect different waste categories. The categories also do not fit directly with the EarthCheck waste recycling categories and rating points.

Waste figures were verified in correspondence from a waste collector that services companies, dated January 30th 2013 signed by Hildur Magnúsdóttir.

Total waste for Snaefellsbaer was verified in email-dated march 11th 2013 and total waste for Stykkishólmur in email dated January 23rd 2013.

Total waste in categories is however estimated.

Other Indicators Verified:

SECTION 4 – COMPLIANCE

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE: Sections 4.1 - 4.3

4.1 Evidence that the broad operation of the Community as EarthCheck Community is compliant within the requirements and intent of laws that prevail locally is provided.

Auditor Notes:

There is a comprehensive list of laws and regulations. There is also regular (annual) review on overall compliance.

There is no evidence sighted on noncompliance.

Evidence sighted List of laws and regulations.

Observation: The list and the annual review is valuable information for community leaders.

4.2 Compliance with any special guide developed by EarthCheck for a particular Community area is not applicable.

SECTION 5 – PLANNING

x **Community Sustainability Strategy/Plan**

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE: Section 5.1 – 5.12

1.5 A Community Sustainability Strategy is developed.

Auditor Notes:

The Action plan defines the key social and environmental issues, key risks and actions to be taken the next until 2018. It defines key environmental and social sustainability issues as guided by EarthCheck key environmental and social performance areas and supplementary criteria relevant to the Community. Specifically addressing tourism activity and development issues, prescribing corrective actions, monitoring performance through Benchmarking indicators, instituting corrective actions to achieve continuous improvement. There is also a community plan in progress.

Evidence sighted Action plan 2013 – 2018.

Evidence sighted Community plan (*svæðisskipulag*) in progress. www.svaedisgardur.is

5.2 The Community Sustainability Strategy addresses EarthCheck environmental and social key performance areas for the Community.

Auditor Notes:

Environmental and social key performance areas are addressed in the Action plan.

Evidence sighted Action plan 2014 - 2018

5.3 The Action plan identifies Community level quantified environmental and social performance improvement targets for the performance criteria areas identified by the EarthCheck Sector Benchmarking Indicators for Communities.

Auditor Notes:

Confirmed that this is addressed. The Action plan identifies quantified environmental and social performance improvement targets.

Evidence sighted: Action plan 2014 - 2018

5.4 The Community Sustainability Strategy defines accountabilities for achieving strategic EarthCheck Benchmarking targets.

Auditor Notes:

Accountable agent is listed for each of the targets.

Evidence sighted: Action plan 2014 - 2018

5.5 Effective environmental planning and development control procedures are in place to guide sustainable tourism.

Auditor Notes:

Ways to guide the tourism industry in more formal and controlled way has been suggested. This has however not yet been implemented.

Evidence sighted Action plan 2014 – 2018. Page 36 describes process of evaluation.

Evidence sighted Annual reports published every year.

5.6 Systems are in place for the collection of community Sustainability Strategy Benchmarking measures

Auditor Notes:

There is a procedure in the EMS plan for the collection of benchmarking measures. System in place on when, where and how it is done as well as where to keep the information and for how long.

Evidence sighted EMS plan section 9. *Verklagsregla um sofnum tolulegra gagna, verklagt001*. It holds contacts information on data provision.

5.7 Encourage quality urban and infrastructure planning systems, which incorporate sustainable design principles and practices.

Auditor Notes:

Chapter 7 of the Action plan holds a policy on planning and building projects. The aim is to finalize document on practices in autumn 2014.

Evidence sighted Action plan 2014 - 2018

Evidence sighted Community plan in progress (*svæðisskipulag*) in progress. www.svaedisgardur.is

5.8 Training for members of the Community accountable for the collection and management of EarthCheck Benchmarking performance measures.

Auditor Notes:

There is evidence of training it is however not sufficient to auditors meaning.

Minor corrective action request: Provide training for members of the community.

5.9 There is system in place to take appropriate steps to correct situations not conforming to the Community Authority. Environmental and Social Sustainability policy, strategy and relevant performance targets, and prevent their re-occurrence.

Auditor Notes:

There is procedure to deal with non-conforming situations in the EMS plan. It wasn't used 2012 or 2013. It is however auditors meaning that non-conforming situations have occurred involving wildlife and tourism.

Evidence sighted EMS plan section 9, document on non-conformances nr. *VERKLAGFB001*

Observation community leaders should employ the EarthCheck non-conformance system when major occurrences happen.

5.10 Appropriate records demonstrating conformance with the requirements of this Standard are retained for at least 48 months.

Auditor Notes:

The procedure policy in the EMS plan states that all records shall be retained for 7 years. Raw data was sighted from 2004. The data is kept on hard copies and CD's plus a centralised backup copy.

Evidence sighted EMS plan section 9, document on file management nr. *VERKLAGSKJAL001*

Evidence sighted Raw data

5.11 Assess for the Community possible environmental impacts of planned, accidental and emergency situations and develop and implement reasonable and responsible plans to minimise the likelihood of such impacts and mitigate resulting impacts which may occur.

Auditor Notes:

Risk assessment was sighted in the EMS plan. It deals with the risks involved in the environmental management of the EarthCheck community. There is now a newly developed list of contingency plans. There is a Gap analysis showing where there is lack of contingency plans.

Businesses and inhabitants were consulted during preparation of the gap analyses.

Evidence sighted EMS plan (last updated 2012)

Evidence sighted Gap analysis (dated December 2013)

Evidence sighted Questioner sent to businesses when preparing the gap analyses dated November 27th 2013.

Observation: Contingency plan for major accidents involving tourists, for example bus accident is non-existent.

5.12 Review of the effectiveness of the Community Authority as an organisation achieving sustainable outcomes for a Community is undertaken regularly.

Auditor Notes:

The annual report publishes the review of the effectiveness achieving sustainable outcomes. The EarthCheck Executive Board reviews its effectiveness in a systematic way. The system is described in the Action plan.

10 years review (report) of being EarthCheck community is in preparation.

Survey amongst stakeholders was conducted to monitor their meaning on how the community should proceed.

Evidence sighted Action plan.

Evidence sighted Survey results.

SECTION 6 – CONSULTATION & REPORTING

x Community Sustainability Report

SUMMARY OF COMPLIANCE: Sections 6.1.1 – 6.2.1

6.1.1 Consultative mechanisms and strategies are established to ensure all sections of the Community are able to participate in developing and implementing the Community's Sustainability Strategy

Auditor Notes:

Surveys were done amongst all sections of the community. A formal Communication exists

Evidence Sighted EMS plan, Section 8 Communication Plan.

Evidence Sighted Survey results and survey questionnaire sent to stakeholders.

Evidence Sighted Evidence on Sustainability exhibition and conference (*Hönnunarsýning*).

6.1.2 The Community communicates regularly in a simple, clear, and obvious manner, the Community's environmental and social performance based on their EarthCheck Assessment Report

Auditor Notes:

Reporting mechanism is for example annual report, local newspapers, Certification website www.nesvottin.is, community websites and a Facebook profile.

Evidence Sighted EMS Section 8 Communication Plan.

Evidence Sighted: Annual reports on website: http://nesvottun.is/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/arsskyrsla_vottunarverkefni_2013.pdf

6.1.3 All sectors of the local tourism industry are informed and encouraged to participate in tourism planning and development activities.

Auditor Notes:

In 2013 a survey amongst stakeholders was executed.

Evidence Sighted: Letter sent to stakeholders.

6.1.4 Regularly disseminate Community wide sustainable environment and social outcome performance through consultation with the Community.

Auditor Notes:

News is posted on the website and in local newspapers and environmental and social outcome is documented in annual report.

Evidence sighted annual The Annual report.

6.1.5 Positive and negative feedback from the Community on the Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy and related performance targets is encouraged and responded to.

Auditor notes:

No complaints sent in 2012 and 2013. Few questions sent by email which all where responded.

Evidence sighted Question sent on e-mail march 8th and response letter sent may 7th.

Evidence sighted EMS plan section 9, document on non-conformances nr. VERKLAGFB001

6.1.6 Records of Community consultations and communication are retained.

Evidence sighted annual report lists up community consultations.

6.1.7 Community stakeholders are encouraged to engage in the Community Authority's environmental social programs.

Auditor Notes:

There is evidence on stakeholder engagement in surveys and meetings.

Evidence sighted Local papers, Green exhibition (July and august), Litter program (April).

Evidence sighted Meeting NVS on plastic November 12th.

6.1.8 Community members are informed about sensitive local customs and ways of life, natural areas and environmental issues and how best to contribute to the local economy

Auditor Notes:

Sensitive local customs is not applicable in Iceland. Articles written and meetings held on nature conservation issues.

Evidence sighted www.nsv.is

6.1.9 The committee is proactive in raising Community awareness of local and global environmental issues

Auditor Notes:

The EarthCheck community together with the West Iceland institute of natural history is to the auditors meaning proactive in raising awareness amongst the locals on environmental issues.

Evidence sighted Letters and articles.

OBSERVATIONS

SUMMARY:

The list of laws and regulations and the annual review is valuable information for community leaders. Good work that could be used to more extent for example if discussed and revived by community leaders on regular basis.

Community leaders should employ the EarthCheck non-conformance system when major occurrences happen.

The gap analysis reveals lack of contingency plan for major accidents involving tourist such as for example Bus accidents.

KEY RISKS

SUMMARY:

Key risk is the possibility of community leaders losing interest. The benefit of the initiative has to be clear to all involved. The benchmarks and standards need to make sense. It's a big task for the council and the coordinator to present the EarthCheck program in a manner that makes it interesting and exciting.

BEST PRACTICES

SUMMARY:

The newly introduced action plan is a clear vision on sustainable development in the community. It's straight to the point and easy to read with clear focus on issues with importance.

AREAS OF NON-CONFORMANCE

#	Clause	Grading	Non-Conformance
1	Section: 1.9	Minor	The Action Plan 2014 – 2018 needs to be signed and implemented.
2	Section 5.8	Minor	Training for members of the community needs to be developed and implemented.
3	Section 3.3	Minor	Two indicators are below baseline, accredited tourist operations and No _x emissions. Both indicators are to be re-evaluated. As defined to day those are not good indicators.
4	Section 3.1	Minor	Clarify use and management of pesticide products.

AUDITOR CONCLUSION

Snaefellsnes Peninsula has been audited against the EarthCheck Community Standard.

The organisational commitment to compliance with the EarthCheck Community Standard is commendable. All recommendations are subject to ratification by the EarthCheck Authorities.

- Certification Recommended
- Conditional Certification Recommended
- Certification Not Recommended

MEMBER REQUESTS

During the Onsite Certification Audit the member requested further information on:

- EarthCheck Pre-Audits
- EarthCheck Training

Auditor Community Name: Snaefellsnes Peninsula

Auditor Name: Haukur Thor haraldsson

Auditor Signature: 

Date: February 24th 2014

CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTS (CARS)

Details of CAR (1 of 4 for 2013)

Standard Clause:

1. Community Authority 1.9

MINOR

MAJOR

CAR Status:

The EarthCheck Community Standard states:
The Community Authority shall develop and achieve quantified environmental and social performance improvement targets for the community based on EarthCheck Benchmarking.

The Action Plan 2014 - 2018 needs to be signed and implemented.

CAR Details:

3 months

12 months

Program for Compliance:

Revised Benchmarking Assessment

Progress Review of Corrective Action Requests

Next Onsite Certification Audit

CAR Verification Method:

Details of CAR (2 of 4 for 2013)

Standard Clause:

5. Planning 5.8

MINOR

MAJOR

CAR Status:

The EarthCheck Community Standard states:

Provide training for members of the Community accountable for the collection and management of EarthCheck Benchmarking performance measures.

There is no evidence of such training. Training for those members of the community needs to be developed and implemented.

CAR Details:

3 months

12 months

Program for Compliance:

Revised Benchmarking Assessment

Progress Review of Corrective Action Requests

Next Onsite Certification Audit

CAR Verification Method:

Details of CAR (3 of 4 for 2013)

Standard Clause:

3. Benchmarking 3.3

MINOR

MAJOR

CAR Status:

The EarthCheck Community Standard states:

Benchmark Community environmental and social performance measures annually against the EarthCheck Sector Benchmarking Indicators for Communities and achieve EarthCheck Benchmarking Assessment above Baseline performance for all indicators.

Two indicators are below baseline, accredited tourist operations and No_x emissions.

As discussed during audit those two are not good indicators on performance. The community has little impact on the indicators as defined today. Attempt should be made to redefine those indicators.

CAR Details:

3 months

12 months

Program for Compliance:

Revised Benchmarking Assessment

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CAR Verification Method:

Details of CAR (4 of 4 for 2013)

Standard Clause:

3. Benchmarking 3.1

MINOR

MAJOR

CAR Status:

The EarthCheck Community Standard states:

Assess the environmental and social management performance of the Community and level of positive and negative impacts in each of the following key performance areas.

- Storage and use of environmentally harmful substances.

In Benchmarking Assessment Report dated September 3rd 2013 (pg. 17) Weed killers are said to be Not Relevant/Not Applicable. However, during audit weed killers were found in town hall storages.

Use and management of pesticide products needs to be clarified.

CAR Details:

3 months

12 months

Program for Compliance:

Revised Benchmarking Assessment

Progress Review of Corrective Action Requests

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CAR Verification Method:

AUDITEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I accept the findings within this Onsite Certification Audit report as appropriate, and fairly represent our level of compliance to the EarthCheck Community Standard. The supporting evidence provided to demonstrate our compliance has not intentionally misled the auditing body stated within this report.

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Senior Management Name:

Gyda Steinsdóttir

Senior Managers Position:

Chairman of the Council of
Executives

Senior Management Signature:

Gyda Steinsdóttir.

Date:

13 March 2014

NB: The below section is for the use of the EarthCheck Authorities only:

EARTHCHECK AUTHORISATION

- Certification Authorised
- Conditional Certification Authorised
- Certification Not Authorised

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Revised Benchmarking Assessment
- Progress Review of Corrective Action Requests
- Onsite Certification Audit 1 Year

EarthCheck Authorising Officer Name: Shey Lee – Certification Manager



Signature:

Date:

24th March 2014