



Signatory Name: Blue Lake Milling Pty Ltd

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Status: Complete

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Yes

5. Industry sector (please select 1 only):

- Brand Owner / Wholesaler / Retailer
- Packaging Manufacturer
- Waste Management
- Other - Commercial Organisation
- Community Group
- Industry Association
- Government
- Raw Material Supplier
- Other: Cereal Manufacturer

7. Please indicate your organisation's reporting period:

- Financial Year: 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015
- Calendar Year: 1 January 2015 – 31 December 2015

Goal 1: Design

KPI 1: % of signatories with documented policies and procedures for evaluating and procuring packaging using the SPGs or equivalent.

9. Does your company have documented policies and procedures for evaluating and procuring packaging using the SPGs or equivalent?

Yes No

10. Of the types of packaging **existing at the beginning of the reporting period**, what percentage had been reviewed using the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPG) by the end of the reporting period?

%

11. Have any new types of packaging been introduced during the reporting period?

Yes No

12. If yes, of the **new types of packaging introduced during the reporting period**, what percentage have been reviewed using the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPG) by the end of the reporting

%

13. Please indicate your progress this year towards achieving your annual targets and milestones for KPI 1

	Target: According to your Action Plan, what did you set out to do?	Actual: What did you achieve?
1.	Review new and existing packing against the SPG	14 x New artwork was reviewed in 2015. 27 x Existing artwork was reviewed in 2015.

14. Describe any constraints or opportunities that affected performance under this KPI

As we are a private label manufacturer we do not fully control the design, material and layout of packaging of retail products.

We do recommend all customers (where practical) use as a first choice materials that are firstly made from recycled material, consider ways to reduce packaging for the retail line and use material that can be recycled or reused once product consumed.

Goal 2: Recycling

KPI 3: % signatories applying on-site recovery systems for used packaging.

15. Do you have on-site recovery systems for recycling used packaging?

- Yes at all facilities/ sites
- Yes at some, but not all facilities/ sites
- No

16. Please indicate your progress this year towards achieving your annual targets and milestones for KPI 3

	Target: According to your Action Plan, what did you set out to do?	Actual: What did you achieve?
1.	<p>Monitoring of on site recycling/waste recovery systems 2014</p> <p>Total Waste - 83.760 Tonne Total Recycling - 73.890 Tonne Total Combined Waste - 157.650 Tonne</p>	<p>January 2014 Waste - 5120 Recycling - 6000</p> <p>February 2014 Waste - 5700 Recycling - 8880</p> <p>March 2014 Waste - 6280 Recycling - 8820</p> <p>April 2014 Waste - 5920 Recycling - 5140</p> <p>May 2014 Waste - 6360 Recycling - 6840</p> <p>June 2014 Waste - 6220 Recycling - 4860</p> <p>July 2014 Waste - 5720 Recycling - 4530</p> <p>August 2014 Waste - 9880 Recycling - 6480</p> <p>September 2014 Waste - 7540 Recycling - 7620</p> <p>October 2014 Waste - 8040 Recycling - 5080</p> <p>November 2014 Waste - 10680 Recycling - 4380</p> <p>December 2014 Waste - 6300 Recycling - 5260</p>

2.	<p>Monitoring of on site recycling/waste recovery systems 2015</p> <p>Total Waste - 81.466 Tonne Total Recycling - 63.858 Tonne Total Combined Waste - 145.324 Tonne</p> <p>2015 Reduction of 12.33 Tonne of combined waste</p>	<p>January 2015 Waste - 8636 Recycling - 4510</p> <p>February 2015 Waste - 8260 Recycling - 4340</p> <p>March 2015 Waste - 9820 Recycling - 5040</p> <p>April 2015 Waste - 6000 Recycling - 11520</p> <p>May 2015 Waste - 8280 Recycling - 6620</p> <p>June 2015 Waste - 5320 Recycling - 3620</p> <p>July 2015 Waste - 5450 Recycling - 5320</p> <p>August 2015 Waste - 9420 Recycling - 5780</p> <p>September 2015 Waste - 6260 Recycling - 4740</p> <p>October 2015 Waste - 4900 Recycling - 4360</p> <p>November 2015 Waste - 5900 Recycling - 4880</p> <p>December 2015 Waste - 3220 Recycling - 3128</p>

17. Describe any constraints or opportunities that affected performance under this KPI

A compacting baler at our second site would be beneficial to tidying up the recycling area and making waste and recycling easier to keep track of. This is currently being considered and will hopefully purchase a machine and have in place by the end of 2016.

KPI 4: Signatories implement formal policy of buying products made from recycled packaging.

18. Does your company have a formal policy of buying products made from recycled packaging?

Yes No

Provide details of policies and procedures (including names of policies/ procedures)

HRF079 - **Environmental Management Policy**
HRF079.1 - **Environmental Management Procedure**

In the process of creating a Sustainable Procurement Policy.

19. Is this policy actively used?

Yes No

20. Please indicate your progress this year towards achieving your annual targets and milestones for KPI 4

	Target: According to your Action Plan, what did you set out to do?	Actual: What did you achieve?
1.	Formal implementation of policy to buy products made from recycled packaging and to review packaging to ensure recycling information is noted on all packing content purchases and future opportunities.	100% of corrugated cardboard is recycled material. Improvement on identification of recycling information on packaging. In the process of creating a Sustainable Procurement Policy.

21. Describe any constraints or opportunities that affected performance under this KPI

Alterations to size, design and purchase were made to reduce packaging use, cost and transport for several of our packaging lines.

Goal 3: Product Stewardship

KPI 6: % signatories with formal processes to work collaboratively on packaging design and / or recycling.

22. Does your company have formal processes in place for collaborating with other companies or organisations on improved packaging designs and/or recycling which aims to reduce or eliminate waste?

Yes No

23. Please indicate your progress this year towards achieving your annual targets and milestones for KPI 6

	Target: According to your Action Plan, what did you set out to do?	Actual: What did you achieve?
1.	Work with industry to prevent increasing amount of packaging, work with suppliers.	<p>We have successfully shortened our bag length in all current and new paper/laminate sachet lines, the carton size has also been reduced to match. This means we are packing the same amount of product but using considerably less packaging.</p> <p>We are conducting trials of an alternate plastic film sachet which will reduce packaging size from 140mm length to 110mm length (Trial 257). This if successful will further reduce packaging needs and will be clearer at customer demand as litter/recycling information will be identified easier to consumer.</p> <p>A bulk bag usage review was conducted on our second site and investigations found that most bags were only being used once and then being sent to recycling. We have the ability to reuse our bulk bags due to internal use and similar products being used, we have now so far seen a reduction in bulk bag purchasing with the new multi-use process.</p> <p>A part review was also conducted in our mixing process which saw 2 lines which previously used individual bags (15kg/25kg) now being brought in bulk to reduce amount of packaging and time taken opening and disposing of individual bags.</p>

24. Describe any constraints or opportunities that affected performance under this KPI

Truck weights, transport issues and customers not willing or able to change packaging often limit us with this target.

KPI 7: % signatories showing other Product Stewardship outcomes.

25. Please indicate your progress this year towards achieving your annual targets and milestones for KPI 7

	Target: According to your Action Plan, what did you set out to do?	Actual: What did you achieve?
1.	Further reduce landfill by recycling (from 90% to 100%)	While exact figures are difficult to collate, we believe we are between the 90% - 95% mark for this area.
2.	Retain Sedex Global membership	Membership is retained and ongoing with latest SMETA 4 Pillar audit conducted in February 2016.

26. Since the beginning of the reporting period, has your company had any other outcomes related to product stewardship?

Yes

No

If yes, please give examples of other product stewardship outcomes

Replaced 40 x Metal Halide (400watt) lights with LED (150watt) saving of approximately 62,000kW hours and roughly \$10,000 saving to the company over the year.

Installed Variable Frequency Drives (VFD) on 70% of motors in the new cereal rolling plant to ensure motors are only running to the required output capacity.

Automated start up / shutdown sequencing on motors in the new cereal rolling plant to eliminate unnecessary running of motors.

Plus numerous packaging improvements listing in KPI 6.

27. Describe any constraints or opportunities that affected performance under this KPI

Capex budget and resources for project implementation.

KPI 8: Reductions in packaging items in the litter stream.

28. Please indicate your progress this year towards achieving your annual targets and milestones for KPI 8

	Target: According to your Action Plan, what did you set out to do?	Actual: What did you achieve?
1.	Reduction of site litter	Bin stays removed to stop staff leaving the industrial bin lids open, reducing the chance of litter escaping the bins. Office waste & recycling now going to kerbside pick up rather than through our internal process. This was highlighted by our production staff as an improvement area addressed at the employee company meeting. Large reduction in total site waste & recycling (see KPI 3).
2.	Reduction of litter out of our control	With a push from our artwork team our major retail customers have begun changing artwork to include clearer instructions on litter disposal for consumers but artwork reviews are costly and only completed as agreed with the customer.

29. Describe any constraints or opportunities that affected performance under this KPI

Your Experiences

This section lets you share with us any achievements, good news stories and areas of difficulties in making progress against your plan and the Covenant goals and KPIs.

30. Key achievements or good news stories

Reduced waste

2014

- Rolling Production - 52,341.25 Tonne
- Retail Production - 30,766,378 Units
- Waste - 83.760Tonne
- Recycling - 73.890Tonne

2015

- Rolling Production - 57,313.52 Tonne
- Retail Production - 29,454,994 Units
- Waste - 81.466 Tonne
- Recycling - 63.858 Tonne

Total Production Increase in 2015 compared to 2014 - 4,972.27 Tonne

Total Retail Decrease in 2015 compared to 2014 - 1,311,384 Units

Total Combined Waste Reduction in 2015 compared to 2014 - 12.326 Tonne

31. Areas of difficulties in making progress against your plan, Covenant goals or KPIs