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Environmental Statement

(To be read in conjunction with the Product Technical Information Sheet/ Product Specification)

Wood Sourcing

- Opal Australian Paper manufactured pulp and paper fibres are sourced from sustainably managed forests and are Responsible Wood Certified 'AS 4707 Chain of Custody for certified wood and forest products' which is endorsed by the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC), the world's largest forest certification organisation. For more information, refer to www.responsiblewood.org.au and www.pefc.org.

Organisational Monitoring

- *EPA* – Opal Australian Paper's manufacturing process is subject to strict environmental controls. Opal Australian Paper Maryvale operates under licence from the Victorian Environment Protection Authority (EPA) for quality of emissions to air and water and adheres to the environmental standards set by the Australian Government, which includes ongoing environmental monitoring.
- *Management System* – Opal Australian Paper Maryvale is certified to ISO 14001 Environmental management system – Requirements and Guidance for use. Opal Australian Paper and independent certification bodies audit Opal Australian Paper Maryvale regularly to improve its Environmental Management System (EMS).
- *Community* – Opal Australian Paper Maryvale has a well-established Community Consultative Committee (CCC) that collectively addresses concerns through an Environment Improvement Plan.

Chlorine Bleaching Status

- Opal Australian Paper Maryvale uses Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) bleaching processes in the manufacture of its pulp, which eliminates environmentally harmful liquid emissions.
- Pulping processes from which raw materials are sourced for all Unbleached Packaging Grades may be considered Totally Chlorine Free (TCF).

Solid Waste

- Large quantities of bark solid waste is reprocessed by third parties to be used as garden mulch and sodium sulphate, a by-product of the pulping process, is also recovered for use by a third party.

Water Recycling

- Water is recycled through Opal Australian Paper Maryvale many times, resulting in a reduced fresh water intake. Opal Australian Paper Maryvale has a comprehensive discharge-monitoring program in place to ensure that effluent does not negatively affect receiving waters.

Energy

- Opal Australian Paper Maryvale is an integrated pulp and paper mill that is Victoria's largest generator of baseload, renewable energy, producing 51% of our own energy requirements.

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