

2016 Renewal Recycled Content Certification Assessment Report

Vidrepur of America

C/Comercio 3, Almazora, Castellon, Valencia Spain 12550

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Product Certification Information

Pending the resolution of NIRs, The following claims are recommended:

CERTIFICATE	CLAIM (DRY-WEIGHT BASIS)	PRODUCT LINE NAMES	CHANGES FROM LAST ASSESSMENT?
Client certificate:			
SCS-MC-01989	Minimum 99% Pre-Consumer Recycled Glass Content. Made With 100% Pre-Consumer Recycled Glass Material	Glass Mosaic	None
Private label certificate for Surfaces Southeast LLC:			
SCS-MC-03040	Minimum 99% Pre-Consumer Recycled Glass Content. Made With 100% Pre-Consumer Recycled Glass Material	Glass Mosaic: Crayola Mosaic & Splash Collection	None
Private label certificate for Victory Mosaic/Cera Tile:			
SCS-MC-03645	Minimum 99% Pre-Consumer Recycled Glass Content. Made With 100% Pre-Consumer Recycled Glass Material	Victory Eco Glass: Pearl, Gem, Elements, Aura and Bijou	None
Certificates listed above are valid from 06/01/2016 to 05/31/2017			
Conforms to the SCS Recycled Content Standard V7-0			
Please note that product brand name(s), as listed above, will be as they appear on the SCS certificate(s).			
If this report is not returned with signature within five business days, SCS reserves the right to issue a final certification packet, including certificates, without a signature. After the final certification packet is issued, SCS reserves the right to charge up to \$250.00 for each certificate that needs to be corrected.			

Note that a **New Information Request (NIR-1-2015)** was issued during the previous report to clarify the product line names for the Private Label issued to Victory Mosaic/Cera Tile. **NIR-1-2015** was resolved.

NIR-1-2016 has been resolved. See Section 3a. NIR-2-2016 is expected to be resolved in support of the 2017 Renewal Assessment.

Overall Assessment Summary

Data Review Period: 01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

Manufacturing Sites and Product Lines:

1. Vidrepur of America: C/Comercio 3, Almazora, Castellon, Valencia Spain 12550
 - a. Glass Mosaic

From the 2012 Renewal Assessment, “Vidrepur manufactures and distributes glass mosaic tiles. The main production plant is located in Castellon, Spain and sales offices are located in the United States and Mexico. According to its website, there are more than 4,000 distributors in the global market. The glass mosaics are glass tile squares and rectangles which range in sizes from 12x12 mm to 50x50 mm that can be arranged in various patterns or designs on indoor and outdoor surfaces and swimming pools. There are many possible colors and textures that results from pigment that is added to the glass, but all colors and all textures of glass are made from the same material in the same manufacturing process.”

The Glass Mosaic product line continues to be the focus of this recycled content assessment. The recycled material used in production continues to be pre-consumer recycled glass.

A review of evidence indicates:

- There **ARE NOT** changes to the scope of work outlined in WO#VID-16-01.
- Vidrepur’s use of SCS logo and claims language **IS** acceptable according to the SCS Labeling and Language Guide.
- Note that a New Information Request (NIR-1-2015) was issued during the previous report to clarify the product line names for the Private Label issued to Victory Mosaics/Cera Tile. This request was resolved.
- NIR-2-2015 was issued for documentation supporting purchases made from supplier TP Recoup. This information was not provided and the finding has been reissued as NIR-1-2016. Please see Sections 3 and 5 for more information. Certification will not be issued until all issued NIRs are resolved. [The client submitted an affidavit from TP Recoup which resolved NIR-1-2016.](#)

CERTIFICATION RECOMMENDATION: PASS

SITE AUDIT(S): NOT REQUIRED


Assessment Checklist

1. Material Classification and Waste Stream Analysis


REQUIREMENT	Y	N	N/A	AUDITOR FINDING
<p>a) The recycled material(s) used in the product(s) continue(s) to meet the definitions of recycled material from the SCS Recycled Content Standard.</p> <p>Any changes to the recycled material(s) used since the previous assessment have been reported and SCS confirms they continue to meet the definitions of recycled material from the SCS Recycled Content Standard.</p> <p>DRF Reference: #7</p>	✓			<p>No changes to the recycled materials used in the product were reported. Vidrepur continues to use glass that meets the definition of pre-consumer recycled material.</p>
<p>b) Any changes to the waste stream source(s) of recycled materials used in the product(s) have been reported. Any new waste stream sources are known or can be justified in accordance with the SCS definitions with pre- and post-consumer waste.</p> <p>DRF Reference: #8</p>	✓			<p>No changes to the waste stream sources of recycled materials were reported. The waste stream sources of recycled glass are well established. All suppliers, except for SAS Solover SRP, source pre-consumer material from a mix of flat glass, bottles, and trims from manufacturing operations. SAS Solover SRP only sources from flat glass.</p> <p>While a portion of the glass used in production may qualify as post-consumer recycled material, all glass will continue to be considered pre-consumer recycled for the purposes of this assessment.</p>


2. Chain of Custody Requirements

REQUIREMENT	Y	N	N/A	AUDITOR FINDING
<p>a) The client has reported any changes to its system for maintaining a chain of custody of recycled materials and the system to segregate recycled and non-recycled materials. These systems remain effective.</p> <p>DRF Reference: #3</p>	✓			<p>No changes to the system for maintaining a chain of custody or segregation of materials were reported.</p>

<p>b) The client has described any changes to the manufacturing process at the manufacturing site(s) (or provided an updated flowchart). The updated description continues to show how recycled materials are tracked and how a chain of custody is maintained. It continues to describe (or show) all inputs of materials, all internal material flows (e.g., reuse or recycling of scrap), and all material outputs (including, but not limited to, finished products, intermediary products, and waste).</p> <p>DRF Reference: #2</p>				<p>No changes to the manufacturing process were reported.</p>
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3. Supplier Affidavit Evaluation and Waste Stream Analysis

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<p>a) The client has provided signed SCS affidavits from all new suppliers providing ≥2% of total recycled material by weight. Signed affidavits have been received from suppliers accounting for at least 95% of recycled material by weight.</p>	 NIR-1-2016			<p>The client reported <u>no new</u> glass suppliers highlighted in yellow below. The following table summarizes glass purchases:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #d9ead3;"> <th>Supplier</th> <th>Amount of Glass (tons)</th> <th>% of Total Glass Purchases</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Iniciativas Ecologicas Duval</td> <td>58</td> <td>0.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FCC Ambito</td> <td>1,574</td> <td>12.8%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TP Recoup</td> <td>4,736</td> <td>38.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Policart</td> <td>2,710</td> <td>22.1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Recycling Hispania</td> <td>237</td> <td>1.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ecosan ambiental</td> <td>1,419</td> <td>11.6%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SAS SOLOVER SRP</td> <td>1,543</td> <td>12.6%</td> </tr> <tr style="font-weight: bold;"> <td>Total</td> <td>12,277</td> <td>100%*</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*Total may not sum due to rounding</p> <p>While the client’s supplier requirements are robust, a New Information Request (NIR 2-2015) was issued for an affidavit from new supplier TP Recoup to increase confidence in recycled material supply as well as to have documentation on file regarding the new supplier. This year, an even larger proportion of purchases at 38.6% as opposed to last year, at 24.1%. NIR 2-2015 is reissued as NIR 1-2016 and certification will not be issued until sufficient supporting documentation to qualify TP Recoup is provided. See Section 5- The client submitted a supplier</p>	Supplier	Amount of Glass (tons)	% of Total Glass Purchases	Iniciativas Ecologicas Duval	58	0.5%	FCC Ambito	1,574	12.8%	TP Recoup	4,736	38.6%	Policart	2,710	22.1%	Recycling Hispania	237	1.9%	Ecosan ambiental	1,419	11.6%	SAS SOLOVER SRP	1,543	12.6%	Total	12,277	100%*
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<p>b) The client has reported any changes to their vendor selection process and supplier requirements.</p> <p>DRF Reference: #9</p>	✓		<p>The client reports, “Material is only purchased from legally authorized as recycled industries providers within the EU. And we do value our suppliers according to standard ISO procedures, shipments, quality, etc. The market is very much a spot market where material must be purchased in large quantities if available, in this case we either go with trusted suppliers or for new suppliers. We do inspect on-site before purchase”</p>
<p>c) All new suppliers have been qualified as acceptable and none have been identified as posing a high risk.</p> <p>Risk is based on: completeness of affidavit form provided, geographic locations, reputation, and/or waste stream source.</p> <p>DRF Reference: #8</p>	✓	 NIR-1-2016	<p>Many suppliers have been previously qualified as acceptable. However, NIR-1-2016 is issued to increase confidence in the supply chain as well as to maintain documentation on suppliers. NIR-1-2016 has been resolved.</p>

4. Product Categorization and Mass Balance

REQUIREMENT	Y	N	N/A	AUDITOR FINDING										
<p>a) The client has reported any changes to its bill of materials (BOM) or equivalent documentation that describes the dry weight of each component in a single production unit.</p> <p>This documentation continues to correctly identify the dry weight of virgin, pre-, and post-consumer recycled material in a single production unit.</p> <p>DRF Reference: #4</p>	✓			<p>No changes to the BOM were reported. Certified product continue to be composed of:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin: 10px 0;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #d9ead3;"> <th style="text-align: center;">Component</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Percent of Final Product</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Glass</td> <td style="text-align: center;">99%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Pigment</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Mesh Backing or Paper</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.01%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Abrasive Sand (anti-slip products only)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0.01%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>As stated in the 2011 Annual Assessment, “Sand is added to the anti-slip tiles. The client reported that ~8.5 g of sand are applied to the surface of 9.67 kg of glass material to make the anti-slip tiles, making the sand contribution to the overall weight of tile <0.01%. For some of the colors, the pigment could add up to 1.5% of the overall weight of the glass; however the client reported during last year’s assessment that only 0.02% of total production used that much pigment (0.03% in 2012).” The client confirmed that</p>	Component	Percent of Final Product	Glass	99%	Pigment	0.50%	Mesh Backing or Paper	0.01%	Abrasive Sand (anti-slip products only)	0.01%
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			some high pigmented products may have as much as 1.5% pigment through the data request form.
b) The client has reported any changes to their mechanism for controlling the product formula. DRF Reference: #5	✓		The client reports, “All products are manufactured according to our ISO 9001 certificate, which ensures a traceable product all through the production. (Certificate available in our web page)”
c) Products can be accurately grouped to make the following claim.	✓		Type of claim: MINIMUM CONTENT and MADE WITH No changes have been made to product groupings. The Glass Mosaic product line is an accurate grouping to issue a minimum content claim. This year, the Glass Mosaic product line will also be granted a “made with” claim for 100% Pre-Consumer Recycled Glass Material.
d) A mass balance demonstrates that there are sufficient supplies of recycled material to meet reported production. Purchases, inventory, waste, scrap, material transfers, product formulations, and relevant formulations have been factored in, when applicable. DRF Reference: #4,6,7 and 8	✓ NIR-2-2016		The client reported 12,006 tons of gross production. Based on the BOM presented above, it was calculated that 11,886 tons of recycled glass material was required. Calculated consumption, which compares the amount of material purchased to changes in inventory, was the same as reported consumption, 12,006 tons. Considering these figures, there is a -1.01% error which indicates a surplus of recycled material. This is acceptable for the purposes of this recycled content assessment. NIR-2-2016 is issued for the client to provide the production figures for products associated with Private Label companies. See Section 5. <u>Note: The next auditor will be sure to include reminders on the 2017 Renewal Data Request Form to facilitate collection of this data. The client is expected to submit production data associated with Private Label Products in support of the 2017 Renewal.</u>

5. Summary of Key Findings

Key: NCR = Non-Conformance Report; NIR = New Information Request; OFI = Opportunity for Improvement

NCR/OFI/NIR NUMBER	DOCUMENT OR STANDARD REFERENCE	OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE/FINDING	REQUIRED CLIENT RESPONSE DATE
NIR-1-2016	5.2.1.2. Supplier Verification & Validation	<p>Supplier, TP Recoup was added during the 2015 Renewal Assessment. No affidavit was submitted even though the supplier represents 24.1% of the total recycled material purchased in 2014. NIR-2-2015 was issued for the client to submit an affidavit from TP Recoup in support of the 2016 Renewal Assessment.</p> <p>This request was not resolved and the proportion of material provided by TP Recoup increased to 38.6% of recycled material purchases during this assessment. The client will not receive certification until a supplier affidavit or other equivalent documentation is submitted to verify that the material purchased is recycled.</p> <p><u>Sufficient data has been submitted to resolve NIR-1-2016.</u></p>	06/15/2016
NIR-2-2016	5.2.2.4. Production Totals	To verify the Private Labels issued to Surfaces Southeast and Victory Mosaic/Cera Tile, please provide the production figures for products associated with Private Labels.	<u>06/15/2016</u> <u>In support of the 2017 Renewal Assessment</u>

6. Client Response to Findings



Refer to Section 5 for a summary of non-conformities (NCRs), opportunities for improvement (OFIs) or new information requests (NIRs). Response requirements:

- **For each NCR**, provide a root cause analysis and proposed corrective action with the submittal of this signed assessment report. Actual/implemented corrective action may be submitted at a later date, but prior to the listed due date.
- **For each NIR**, provide a root cause analysis and proposed corrective action with the submittal of this signed assessment report.
- No response required for OFIs.

NCR/OFI/NIR NUMBER	ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS <i>(Describe the most basic reason or cause which, if eliminated or corrected, would prevent the issue from occurring)</i>	PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION <i>(Describe and provide objective evidence)</i>	INITIALS
NIR-1	_____	_____	_____
NIR-2	_____	_____	_____

Responses are not required. The client is expected to submit production data for Private Label Products in support of the 2017 Renewal Assessment.

Authorized Signatures

AUDITOR SIGNATURE			
I attest that the assessment and analysis of the submitted information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.			
Auditor Name, Title	Heather Louie, Sr. Technical Associate, Environmental Certification Services		
Signature		Date	05/30/2016 <u>REVISED:</u> <u>10/28/2016</u>
AUTHORIZED SCS REVIEWER SIGNATURE			
I attest that the assessment and analysis of the submitted information I reviewed during this review is complete for the purposes of the final recommendation and is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and this decision is final.			
SCS Reviewer Name, Title	Tiffany Quach, Technical Associate, Environmental Certification Services		
Signature		Date	06/01/2016
SCS Reviewer Name, Title	<u>Shaheen Kanchwala, Sr. Technical Associate, Environmental Certification Services</u>		
Signature		Date	10/31/2016