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GBCSA'S EVALUATION OF PRODUCT CERTIFICATION SCHEMES

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1. INTRODUCTION

Product certification schemes play an integral role in influencing purchasing behaviour and therefore the environmental and socio-economic impact that products can have in the world. The GBCA has demonstrated how the assessment and reference of product certification schemes in Green Star SA rating tools has resulted in a rapid increase in products targeting certification under product certification schemes (approximately 1000 products labelled in the space of 2 years). The GBCSA seeks to have a similar impact in the industry by assessing and referencing product certification schemes (and not directly assessing products themselves or developing a product certification scheme).

This document provides the GBCSA's process and overview of the compliance requirements for the assessment of product certification schemes that have been developed to enable product certification schemes to be assessed by the Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) for recognition within the Green Star SA rating tools.

As part of the GBCSA's Green Star SA - Interiors rating tool development programme in 2013 and 2014, the GBCSA developed a process and criteria to assess product certification schemes (adapted to local market conditions from the GBCA's process and criteria). The GBCSA used the criteria to assess various product certification schemes (also called product ecolabels) and categorise them in three categories (A, B and C, where C is good, B is better and A is best).

141 product certification scheme labels have been assessed and categorised by the GBCSA thus far (please refer to section 3 of this document to view the list). Further product certification schemes would need to apply for assessment by the GBCSA according to the process set out under section 4 of this document.

Comment on the GBCSA's assessment of product certification schemes:

The GBCSA welcomes feedback on an ongoing basis to ensure that this process continues to evolve and reflect best practice in product certification to environmental and social performance standards. Please address feedback to the greenstarsa@gbcsa.org.za, with 'Process for Evaluating Product Certification Schemes' in the subject line.

1.1 SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR SCHEMES

The Assessment Criteria presented in this document apply only to voluntary third-party certification schemes that:

- conduct product-focused environmental and social assessment of products that are directly applicable to the Green Star SA rating tools (products used in the construction, fitout and maintenance/operations of buildings);
- award a licence that authorises the use of a label on products; and
- award a licence and label that is representative of overall environmental preference of a product within a particular product category.

1.2 VALIDITY OF ASSESSMENT CRITERIA & VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE RATING

The criteria used by the GBCSA to assess product certification schemes shall be reviewed periodically, to incorporate feedback and industry development/improvement. The GBCSA reserves the right to incorporate technical and / or editorial amendments to this document as well as the assessment criteria and review process at any time in the future. Major changes will be done with adequate warning given to product certification schemes (typically 6-12 months).

A product certification scheme (ecolabel) that has been categorised as Level A, B or C by the GBCSA is valid as such according to the GBCSA for as long as either, no changes are made to the product certification scheme that would change its compliance with the GBCSA's criteria for the level of rating achieved, or, the GBCSA has not changed its criteria of how Level A, B and C are achieved and defined. If either of these change, the rating is no longer valid. In the case where the product certification scheme has made changes that will affect its rating by the GBCSA, it is the responsibility of the product labelling scheme owner to notify the GBCSA of such changes and have their scheme re-assessed at their own cost. Where the GBCSA makes changes to the criteria, the GBCSA will notify all product labelling schemes of such changes, and will ask all scheme owners to confirm whether or not they comply with the changes, which may result in the GBCSA requiring scheme owner's to provide evidence to the GBCSA verifying their rating level according to the revised criteria. The GBCSA reserves the right to charge a review fee if a significant review is required for the scheme to remain rated by the GBCSA – the determination of whether a review is significant is at the GBCSA's discretion.

1.3 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Green Building Council South Africa acknowledges the tremendous support of the Green Building Council of Australia in providing their Green Star intellectual property and assisting the GBCSA in adapting it for the South African market. The GBCSA also thanks the consultant ARUP and the many individuals and organisations that contributed to the development of the Assessment Criteria including users of Green Star SA rating tools, and manufacturers and suppliers of fitout products and pilot projects. Thanks are also extended to the representatives of various South African and international product certification schemes for their patience and generous input of information and time throughout the duration of the interiors tool development project. The GBCSA thanks ARUP, who worked as consultants on the review of the criteria for the South African context and the initial Ecolabels assessed under these criteria.

2. OVERVIEW OF ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The assessment criteria consist of the following two parts which cover various criteria that are evaluated as part of the assessment of the product certification schemes:

Part I – General aspects related to the product certification scheme

1. Independent Assessment
2. Representative of Best Practice
3. Transparent Methodology
4. Onsite Verification
5. Environmental Claims
6. Data Collection

Part II – Specific environmental and social considerations of the product certifications scheme

1. Energy & Green House Gas Emissions
2. Toxicity
3. Resource Extraction and Efficiency
4. Water
5. Social and Environmental Compliance
6. Durability and end of life
7. Local content

The criteria are used to establish a score for a product certification scheme, which equate to a categorisation of A, B or C. The criteria and score sheet is set out in an excel assessment tool provided by the GBCSA at www.gbcsa.org.za.

The GBCSA does not prescribe which initiatives are required to be targeted from the above list, only in the case where criteria are noted as 'conditional' do they form a minimum requirement for all product certification schemes to comply with. The table below indicates how many of the 'conditional' criteria (minimum of four) must be met to be eligible for categorisation by the GBCSA as Level A, B or C, and also shows the points required to achieve either a Level A, B or C rating.

Level	Conditional Criteria to be Eligible for a Rating	Part I & II Points Scored
A	4 of the 6 conditional criteria in Part I must be satisfied to be eligible for a rating	Achieving a score of 25 or more across Parts I & II combined, results in a Level A rating
B	4 of the 6 conditional criteria in Part I must be satisfied to be eligible for a rating	Achieving a score of 18 to 24 inclusive across Parts I & II combined, results in a Level B rating
C	4 of the 6 conditional criteria in Part I must be satisfied to be eligible for a rating	Achieving a score of 8 to 17 inclusive across Parts I & II combined, results in a Level C rating
No Rating (NR)	No rating is awarded when more than 2 conditional criteria in Part I are not met or by achieving a score of less than 8 across Parts I & II combined.	

After submission of all evidence to the GBCSA confirming compliance with the criteria and after assessment thereof by the GBCSA's independent reviewers, the product certification schemes are categorised into the three categories A, B and C, according to the point thresholds shown above.

3. RESULTS OF SCHEMES ASSESSED TO DATE

Below is a list of product certification scheme labels assessed and published by the GBCSA to date (the row colour key is shown below):

No rating achieved
Level C achieved
Level B achieved
Level A achieved

No.	Ecolabel	Conditionals	Part I Score	Part II Score	Total Score	Certification Level
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1	GreenGuard - Chemical Emissions From Building Materials, Finishes and Furnishings	Pass	1	4	5	No rating - low score
2	Blue Angel - RAL-UZ 38 Furniture and Slatted Frames	Pass	1	13	14	Level C
3	Nordic Swan - Indoor Paints and Varnishes	Pass	1	7	8	Level C
4	Nordic Swan - Textiles, hides, skins and leather	Pass	2	15	17	Level C
5	Nordic Swan - Furniture and Fitments	Pass	2	13	15	Level C
6	Nordic Swan - Floor Coverings	Pass	2	15	17	Level C
7	GUT	Fail	0	3	3	No rating – conditional requirements not met
8	SCS CARB Formaldehyde Compliance	Pass	1	1	2	No rating - low score
9	SCS Recycling Content Certification	Pass	1	5	6	No rating - low score
10	SCS Indoor Air Quality	Pass	3	2	5	No rating - low score
11	SCS Certified Responsible Source	Pass	1	6	7	No rating - low score
12	SCS Carbon Neutral - http://www.scsglobalservices.com/	Pass	1	8	9	Level C
13	Cradle to Cradle - http://www.c2ccertified.org/	Pass	3	20	23	Level B
14	Eco Standard - ecostandard.co.za (5 star rating)	Pass	3	27	30	Level A
15	Eco Standard - ecostandard.co.za (4 star rating)	Pass	3	23	26	Level A
16	Eco Standard - ecostandard.co.za (3 star rating)	Pass	3	19	22	Level B
17	Eco Standard - ecostandard.co.za (2 star rating)	Pass	3	15	18	Level B
18	Eco Standard - ecostandard.co.za (1 star rating)	Pass	3	12	15	Level C
19	Holz von Hier	Pass	2	6	8	Level C

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20	EU EcoLabel - Hard Coverings	Pass	2	13	15	Level C
21	EU EcoLabel - Paints & Varnishes	Pass	2	8	10	Level C
22	EU EcoLabel - Textile Coverings	Pass	2	10	12	Level C
23	EU EcoLabel - Wooden Coverings	Pass	2	13	15	Level C
24	EU EcoLabel - Wooden Furniture	Pass	2	10	12	Level C
25	GECA 28-2010 v2.1 - Furniture Fittings and Foam (Level A)	Pass	3	13	16	Level C
26	GECA 50-2011 v2 - Carpets	Pass	2	20	22	Level B
27	GECA 25-2011 v2 - Floor Coverings	Pass	2	14	16	Level C
28	GECA 04-2011 v2 - Panel Boards	Pass	2	14	16	Level C
29	GECA 40-2008 v1.1 - Hard Surfacing	Pass	2	15	17	Level C
30	GreenTag GreenRate Level A1 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
31	GreenTag GreenRate Level A2 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
32	GreenTag GreenRate Level A3 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	22	27	Level A
33	GreenTag GreenRate Level A4 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	22	27	Level A
34	GreenTag GreenRate Level A5 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	22	27	Level A
35	GreenTag GreenRate Level A6 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	22	27	Level A
36	GreenTag GreenRate Level A7 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	22	27	Level A
37	GreenTag GreenRate Level A8 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
38	GreenTag GreenRate Level A9 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
39	GreenTag GreenRate Level A10 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	20	25	Level A

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40	GreenTag GreenRate Level A11 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
41	GreenTag GreenRate Level A12 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
42	GreenTag GreenRate Level A13 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
43	GreenTag GreenRate Level A14 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
44	GreenTag GreenRate Level A15 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
45	GreenTag GreenRate Level A16 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
46	GreenTag GreenRate Level A17 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
47	GreenTag GreenRate Level A18 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
48	GreenTag GreenRate Level A1 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
49	GreenTag GreenRate Level A2 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
50	GreenTag GreenRate Level A3 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	22	26	Level A
51	GreenTag GreenRate Level A4 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	22	26	Level A
52	GreenTag GreenRate Level A5 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	22	26	Level A
53	GreenTag GreenRate Level A6 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	22	26	Level A
54	GreenTag GreenRate Level A7 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	22	26	Level A
55	GreenTag GreenRate Level A8 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
56	GreenTag GreenRate Level A9 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
57	GreenTag GreenRate Level A10 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
58	GreenTag GreenRate Level A11 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
59	GreenTag GreenRate Level A12 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	20	24	Level B

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60	GreenTag GreenRate Level A13 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
61	GreenTag GreenRate Level A14 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
62	GreenTag GreenRate Level A15 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
63	GreenTag GreenRate Level A16 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
64	GreenTag GreenRate Level A17 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
65	GreenTag GreenRate Level A18 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
66	GreenTag GreenRate Level A1 No LCA	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
67	GreenTag GreenRate Level A2 No LCA	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
68	GreenTag GreenRate Level A3 No LCA	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
69	GreenTag GreenRate Level A4 No LCA	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
70	GreenTag GreenRate Level A5 No LCA	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
71	GreenTag GreenRate Level A6 No LCA	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
72	GreenTag GreenRate Level A7 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
73	GreenTag GreenRate Level A8 No LCA	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
74	GreenTag GreenRate Level A9 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
75	GreenTag GreenRate Level A10 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
76	GreenTag GreenRate Level A11 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
77	GreenTag GreenRate Level A12 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
78	GreenTag GreenRate Level A13 No LCA	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
79	GreenTag GreenRate Level A14 No LCA	Pass	4	14	18	Level B

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80	GreenTag GreenRate Level A15 No LCA	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
81	GreenTag GreenRate Level A16 No LCA	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
82	GreenTag GreenRate Level A17 No LCA	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
83	GreenTag GreenRate Level A18 No LCA	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
84	GreenTag GreenRate Level A19 No LCA	Pass	4	12	16	Level C
85	GreenTag GreenRate Level A20 No LCA	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
86	GreenTag GreenRate Level A21 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
87	GreenTag GreenRate Level A22 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
88	GreenTag GreenRate Level A23 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
89	GreenTag GreenRate Level A24 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
90	GreenTag GreenRate Level A25 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
91	GreenTag GreenRate Level A26 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
92	GreenTag GreenRate Level A27 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
93	GreenTag GreenRate Level A28 No LCA	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
94	GreenTag GreenRate Level B1 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	15	20	Level B
95	GreenTag GreenRate Level B2 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
96	GreenTag GreenRate Level B3 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
97	GreenTag GreenRate Level B4 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	16	21	Level B
98	GreenTag GreenRate Level B5 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	16	21	Level B
99	GreenTag GreenRate Level B6 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	16	21	Level B

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100	GreenTag GreenRate Level B7 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	16	21	Level B
101	GreenTag GreenRate Level B8 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	16	21	Level B
102	GreenTag GreenRate Level B1 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
103	GreenTag GreenRate Level B2 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
104	GreenTag GreenRate Level B3 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
105	GreenTag GreenRate Level B4 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
106	GreenTag GreenRate Level B5 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
107	GreenTag GreenRate Level B6 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
108	GreenTag GreenRate Level B7 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
109	GreenTag GreenRate Level B8 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
110	GreenTag GreenRate Level B1 No LCA	Pass	4	10	14	Level C
111	GreenTag GreenRate Level B2 No LCA	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
112	GreenTag GreenRate Level B3 No LCA	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
113	GreenTag GreenRate Level B4 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
114	GreenTag GreenRate Level B5 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
115	GreenTag GreenRate Level B6 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
116	GreenTag GreenRate Level B7 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
117	GreenTag GreenRate Level B8 No LCA	Pass	4	10	14	Level C
118	GreenTag GreenRate Level C1 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	17	22	Level B
119	GreenTag GreenRate Level C2 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	14	19	Level B

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120	GreenTag GreenRate Level C3 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	14	19	Level B
121	GreenTag GreenRate Level C4 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	14	19	Level B
122	GreenTag GreenRate Level C5 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	14	19	Level B
123	GreenTag GreenRate Level C6 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	14	19	Level B
124	GreenTag GreenRate Level C7 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	15	20	Level B
125	GreenTag GreenRate Level C8 LCARate Plus	Pass	5	14	19	Level B
126	GreenTag GreenRate Level C1 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
127	GreenTag GreenRate Level C2 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
128	GreenTag GreenRate Level C3 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
129	GreenTag GreenRate Level C4 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
130	GreenTag GreenRate Level C5 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
131	GreenTag GreenRate Level C6 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
132	GreenTag GreenRate Level C7 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
133	GreenTag GreenRate Level C8 LCARate Streamlined	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
134	GreenTag GreenRate Level C1 No LCA	Pass	4	11	15	Level C
135	GreenTag GreenRate Level C2 No LCA	Pass	4	9	13	Level C
136	GreenTag GreenRate Level C3 No LCA	Pass	4	9	13	Level C
137	GreenTag GreenRate Level C4 No LCA	Pass	4	9	13	Level C
138	GreenTag GreenRate Level C5 No LCA	Pass	4	9	13	Level C
139	GreenTag GreenRate Level C6 No LCA	Pass	4	8	12	Level C

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140	GreenTag GreenRate Level C7 No LCA	Pass	4	9	13	Level C
141	GreenTag GreenRate Level C8 No LCA	Pass	4	8	12	Level C
142	GreenTag GreenRate Level A1 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	27	32	Level A
143	GreenTag GreenRate Level A2 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	27	32	Level A
144	GreenTag GreenRate Level A3 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	26	31	Level A
145	GreenTag GreenRate Level A4 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	26	31	Level A
146	GreenTag GreenRate Level A5 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	26	31	Level A
147	GreenTag GreenRate Level A6 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	26	31	Level A
148	GreenTag GreenRate Level A7 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	26	31	Level A
149	GreenTag GreenRate Level A8 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	27	32	Level A
150	GreenTag GreenRate Level A9 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	24	29	Level A
151	GreenTag GreenRate Level A10 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	24	29	Level A
152	GreenTag GreenRate Level A11 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	24	29	Level A
153	GreenTag GreenRate Level A12 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	24	29	Level A
154	GreenTag GreenRate Level A13 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	24	29	Level A
155	GreenTag GreenRate Level A14 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
156	GreenTag GreenRate Level A15 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
157	GreenTag GreenRate Level A16 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
158	GreenTag GreenRate Level A17 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
159	GreenTag GreenRate Level A18 LCARate Plus <i>(Assembly/manufacture in RSA)</i>	Pass	5	23	28	Level A

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160	GreenTag GreenRate Level A1 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	27	31	Level A
161	GreenTag GreenRate Level A2 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	27	31	Level A
162	GreenTag GreenRate Level A3 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	26	30	Level A
163	GreenTag GreenRate Level A4 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	26	30	Level A
164	GreenTag GreenRate Level A5 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	26	30	Level A
165	GreenTag GreenRate Level A6 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	26	30	Level A
166	GreenTag GreenRate Level A7 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	26	30	Level A
167	GreenTag GreenRate Level A8 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	27	31	Level A
168	GreenTag GreenRate Level A9 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	24	28	Level A
169	GreenTag GreenRate Level A10 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	24	28	Level A
170	GreenTag GreenRate Level A11 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	24	28	Level A
171	GreenTag GreenRate Level A12 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	24	28	Level A
172	GreenTag GreenRate Level A13 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	24	28	Level A
173	GreenTag GreenRate Level A14 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
174	GreenTag GreenRate Level A15 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
175	GreenTag GreenRate Level A16 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
176	GreenTag GreenRate Level A17 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
177	GreenTag GreenRate Level A18 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
178	GreenTag GreenRate Level A1 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
179	GreenTag GreenRate Level A2 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A

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180	GreenTag GreenRate Level A3 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	21	25	Level A
181	GreenTag GreenRate Level A4 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	21	25	Level A
182	GreenTag GreenRate Level A5 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	21	25	Level A
183	GreenTag GreenRate Level A6 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	21	25	Level A
184	GreenTag GreenRate Level A7 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
185	GreenTag GreenRate Level A8 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	22	26	Level A
186	GreenTag GreenRate Level A9 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
187	GreenTag GreenRate Level A10 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
188	GreenTag GreenRate Level A11 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
189	GreenTag GreenRate Level A12 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
190	GreenTag GreenRate Level A13 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
191	GreenTag GreenRate Level A14 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
192	GreenTag GreenRate Level A15 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
193	GreenTag GreenRate Level A16 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
194	GreenTag GreenRate Level A17 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
195	GreenTag GreenRate Level A18 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
196	GreenTag GreenRate Level A19 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	16	20	Level B
197	GreenTag GreenRate Level A20 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
198	GreenTag GreenRate Level A21 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
199	GreenTag GreenRate Level A22 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B

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200	GreenTag GreenRate Level A23 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
201	GreenTag GreenRate Level A24 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
202	GreenTag GreenRate Level A25 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
203	GreenTag GreenRate Level A26 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
204	GreenTag GreenRate Level A27 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
205	GreenTag GreenRate Level A28 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
206	GreenTag GreenRate Level B1 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
207	GreenTag GreenRate Level B2 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
208	GreenTag GreenRate Level B3 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	23	28	Level A
209	GreenTag GreenRate Level B4 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
210	GreenTag GreenRate Level B5 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
211	GreenTag GreenRate Level B6 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
212	GreenTag GreenRate Level B7 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
213	GreenTag GreenRate Level B8 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	20	25	Level A
214	GreenTag GreenRate Level B1 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
215	GreenTag GreenRate Level B2 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
216	GreenTag GreenRate Level B3 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	23	27	Level A
217	GreenTag GreenRate Level B4 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
218	GreenTag GreenRate Level B5 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
219	GreenTag GreenRate Level B6 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B

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220	GreenTag GreenRate Level B7 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
221	GreenTag GreenRate Level B8 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	20	24	Level B
222	GreenTag GreenRate Level B1 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
223	GreenTag GreenRate Level B2 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
224	GreenTag GreenRate Level B3 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	17	21	Level B
225	GreenTag GreenRate Level B4 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
226	GreenTag GreenRate Level B5 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
227	GreenTag GreenRate Level B6 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
228	GreenTag GreenRate Level B7 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
229	GreenTag GreenRate Level B8 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	14	18	Level B
230	GreenTag GreenRate Level C1 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	21	26	Level A
231	GreenTag GreenRate Level C2 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	18	23	Level B
232	GreenTag GreenRate Level C3 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	18	23	Level B
233	GreenTag GreenRate Level C4 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	18	23	Level B
234	GreenTag GreenRate Level C5 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	18	23	Level B
235	GreenTag GreenRate Level C6 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	18	23	Level B
236	GreenTag GreenRate Level C7 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
237	GreenTag GreenRate Level C8 LCARate Plus (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	5	18	23	Level B
238	GreenTag GreenRate Level C1 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	21	25	Level A
239	GreenTag GreenRate Level C2 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B

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240	GreenTag GreenRate Level C3 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
241	GreenTag GreenRate Level C4 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
242	GreenTag GreenRate Level C5 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
243	GreenTag GreenRate Level C6 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
244	GreenTag GreenRate Level C7 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
245	GreenTag GreenRate Level C8 LCARate Streamlined (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	18	22	Level B
246	GreenTag GreenRate Level C1 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	15	19	Level B
247	GreenTag GreenRate Level C2 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
248	GreenTag GreenRate Level C3 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
249	GreenTag GreenRate Level C4 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
250	GreenTag GreenRate Level C5 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
251	GreenTag GreenRate Level C6 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	12	16	Level C
252	GreenTag GreenRate Level C7 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	13	17	Level C
253	GreenTag GreenRate Level C8 No LCA (Assembly/manufacture in RSA)	Pass	4	12	16	Level C
254	GreenTag LCARate (All levels) - PLUS	Pass	5	19	24	Level B
255	GreenTag LCARate (All levels) - STREAMLINED	Pass	4	19	23	Level B
256	LEVEL by BIFMA (ANSI/BIFMA e3-2014 Furniture Sustainability Standard) Only with self-assessment. Follow additional route & attain min of 10 GBCSA credit groups to qualify. To be uploaded with submission. For more info, contact GBCSA.	Pass	3	21	24	Level B
257	LEVEL by BIFMA Prerequisites Only LEVEL by BIFMA (ANSI/BIFMA e3-2014 Furniture Sustainability Standard) Without self-assessment.	Pass	3	5	8	Level C

4. PROCESS FOR ASSESSMENT OF FURTHER SCHEMES

Where product certification schemes are not already assessed or wish to be re-assessed based on revised information, the process for assessment by the GBCSA is as follows:

1. Request a quotation from the GBCSA for 'Product Certification Scheme Assessment' via greenstarsa@gbcsa.org.za
2. Provide a list of the labels within the product certification schemes that are required to be assessed by the GBCSA
3. The GBCSA provides a quotation for the assessment within two weeks from receiving adequate information to prepare the quotation
4. The product certification scheme organisation pays for the assessment, and submits all relevant evidence in support of specific criteria being met, including a completed GBCSA assessment tool per label.
5. The assessment is undertaken and completed by the GBCSA and issued to the organisation within 8 weeks from the date of payment. There could be requests for some additional information during this period. (The GBCSA will contract an independent company to undertake the assessment.)
6. The assessment result can be appealed once with final revised/additional information.
7. The final assessment result of the product certification scheme label is final. Further appeal will require a full re-assessment and full payment.
8. The final result will be added to the list of published labels assessed by the GBCSA.

Estimated GBCSA fees for the assessment of product certification schemes per label for 2019 are: **R 25,000 excl VAT**

Where similar labels exist within the same scheme, the fees will be calculated per label that needs to be assessed, but will take into account where repetitive work takes place that the fee can be reduced.