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MEDIA STATEMENT

SAFCOL'S SUBSIDIARY, KOMATILAND FORESTS SOC LTD (KLF), MAINTAINS FSC® CERTIFICATION FOR THE 29TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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Pretoria, South Africa – Komatiland Forests SOC Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of SAFCOL, voluntarily subscribes to the Principles and Criteria of the Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) (FSC® C013832 – Forest Management and FSC® C007806 – Chain of Custody), which is a global, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the promotion of responsible forest management worldwide. FSC defines standards based on agreed principles for responsible forest stewardship that are supported by environmental, social and economic stakeholders. To learn more, visit www.fsc.org.

Following the successful completion of the 2026 FSC® Forest Management Certification surveillance audit conducted by SGS, its appointed Certification Body, SAFCOL, through its Komatiland Forests SOC Limited (KLF) plantations, is pleased to announce that it has retained its FSC® Forest Management certification for the 29th consecutive year.

This achievement reflects a journey that has not been without its challenges. Operating an FSC®-certified forestry business requires significant commitment to responsible management of the forest and it remains deeply rewarding. As an organisation, SAFCOL through KLF continues to position itself as a forestry company of the future, one that advances environmental stewardship, protects biodiversity, promotes improved and humane working conditions for employees, preserves areas of significant environmental and cultural importance, provides economic opportunities to surrounding communities, and safeguards the land rights and cultural heritage of local communities.

Retaining this certification is more than a compliance milestone; it is a renewed commitment to responsible forest management, sustainable business practices, and meaningful socio-economic development in the communities where KLF operates. As the organisation looks ahead to celebrating 30 years of FSC® certification, SAFCOL extends its appreciation to all employees, partners, communities, and stakeholders who have contributed to this achievement, and encourages them to continue walking this journey as SAFCOL moves from good to great.

About SAFCOL

SAFCOL is a State-Owned Company reporting to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. Operating across Mpumalanga, KwaZulu Natal, Limpopo, and Mozambique, SAFCOL is a leader in responsible forestry, timber processing, and eco-tourism. Komatiland Forests SOC Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of SAFCOL and manages the company's biological assets.

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