



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION**

LN: SFL-2009

SEBEL Furniture Ltd

Standard:  
GECA 28-2006 – Furniture and Fittings

Conformance Declaration Date:  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009



**EPD**

accurate  
simplified  
environmental  
performance information  
on Environmental Choice  
Australia Mark  
Certified Products



# environmental solutions for sustainable markets in Australia

The Environmental Choice Australia Mark ecolabelling program is the national product life cycle environmental declaration based on internationally recognized standard setting and assessment methodology.

The national program is managed by two distinct organisations:

Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd. is the standard setting and sustainable consumption market promotions body which develops and declares the ecolabelling standards defining product environmental preference in conformance to ISO 14 024 – International Standard for Third Party Environmental Labelling and Declaration ([www.geca.org.au](http://www.geca.org.au)). GECA is an independent non-profit environmental research and ecolabeling standard setting organisation recognised as the Australian member of an international network of ecolabelling schemes under the Global Ecolabelling Network.

Environmental Assurance (Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd) (<http://www.eassurance.com.au>) is the auditing and verification body with responsibility for product assessment and verification of products against the declared standards (<http://www.geca.org.au/StandardsRegister.htm>). Environmental Assurance is the assessment body for this Program with expertise specific to quality product environmental performance auditing following the principles of ISO 14 010 and ISO 14 024 in its audit and verification services.

Following an independent audit against the recognition requirements of the Australian Program this declaration outlines key environmental performance attributes of products that have been awarded the "Environmental Choice Australia" label for the Australian market. The Ecolabel is awarded to those products that meet or exceed voluntary standards of environmental performance.

The objectives of the program are to:

- a) Provide incentives for suppliers to reduce the environmental impacts of products sold in Australia;
- b) Provide a clear, credible and independent guide to consumers wishing to take account of environmental factors in their purchasing decisions;
- c) Encourage consumers to purchase products which have lower environmental impacts;
- d) Recognize genuine moves by companies to reduce the adverse environmental impacts of their products;
- e) Aim ultimately to improve the quality of the environment and to encourage the sustainable management of resources.

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This report has been prepared by Good Environmental Choice Services Pty Ltd (Environmental Assurance) in respect of a Client's assessment results for product conformity to the requirements of the respective Good Environmental Choice Australia Ltd (GECA) standard. The purpose of this public report is to present summary evidence and overview of the Client's product conformity with the standards or other criteria specified. The content of this report applies only to matters which were evident to Environmental Assurance at the time of the audit within the audit scope. Environmental Assurance does not warrant or otherwise comment upon the suitability of the contents of the report or the certificate for any particular purpose or use. Environmental Assurance accepts no liability whatsoever for consequences to, or actions taken by, third parties as a result of or in reliance upon information contained in this report.



## ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

SEBEL Furniture Ltd products Parent Progress, Parent Integra S/C, Parent T-19 Table, Parent Concorde, Parent Ecologic, Parent Ecobalance, Parent Encore2s FS/HB/PP Arm, Parent Podium, Parent Gemini, Parent Mod Tub and Parent Chameleon products have been assessed against GECA 28-2006-Furniture and Fittings Standard, and awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Eco- Label.

### 1. MANUFACTURER DESCRIPTION

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SEBEL Furniture is a wholly 100% Australia owned subsidiary of GWA International which is known for its Caroma bathroom products, Stylus bathroom and kitchen products and Dux hot water systems. With around 100 staff at the Bankstown manufacturing facility and a further 180 staff to manage the core business of operations, the company has been operating for over 50 years as a designer, manufacturer, importer and distributor of commercial furniture and seating. The product ranges are supplied to a wide range of industry sectors from corporations, education, entertainment (hotels, restaurants, and clubs), Healthcare (hospitals and aged care facilities) and stadia (theatres, auditoriums, conference centres and entertainment venues). The manufacturing process involves the majority of assembly done in the 18000 m<sup>2</sup> ISO 9001 certified Bankstown manufacturing facility. Some furniture is imported (in its entirety) with steelwork generally sourced overseas (China). Plastic components are made onsite and wood components supplied by The Laminex Group are made to order and are distributed by rail from the 5000m<sup>2</sup> distribution centre to major cities in Australia.

The manufacturer is committed to eliminating environmental impacts, adopting new and sustainable business models, re-evaluating its products and processes.

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environmental response at  
work.



**2: REGISTERED PRODUCTS**

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The following SEBEL Furniture Ltd products have been awarded the Environmental Choice Australia Declaration:

PARENT GROUP	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Progress	Cosmic Stool, Hobnob A/C, Hobnob Range, Maitre D S/C, Mojo S/C, Optima, Pastoe, Program S/C, Proteus Stool, Romance, Rondo, Sirocco, Slim N Comfy and Sunlounge
INTEGRA S/C	Impreza, Planter Bin, Postura +, Sirocco A/C, Sunstool, Sunchair and Venue
T-19 Table	Flatfold Table, T-Range and DET Range
CONCORDE	Mastermind Desk
Ecologic	Ecologic C and Ecologic T
ECOBALANCE	Ecobalance Folding Exam
ENCORE 2S FS/HB/PP	Arm
PODIUM	VIVA-range
GEMINI	Nicco Wing
MOD TUB	Nicco Wing
Chameleon	Chair

**Progress**

Delivers new measures in comfort and ergonomics.



**Flatfold Table**

Can accommodate large numbers of people.



**Viva**

Can be used in either general admission seating or premium seating



Products with a distinctive environmental edge.



### 3. KEY ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE FINDINGS

The key environmental performance criteria against which the SEBEL products were assessed, and the findings by Environmental Assurance, are provided below.

Criterion	Core Environmental Performance Characteristics
Fitness for Purpose	SEBEL range of furniture is covered by a 5 year warranty and goes through credible quality testing processes. SEBEL has ISO 9001:2000 certificate for multiple sites. All products are extensively tested at NATA approved testing system conducted in the company's internal laboratory.
Material Requirements	SEBEL uses timber certified under the Environmental Choice Australia Eco-Label.
Resin Identification Codes	SEBEL products have proper resin identification codes on them.
Adhesives	SEBEL uses water based adhesive and hot melt glue conforming to the requirements of Adhesives in the standard GECA 28-2006- Furniture and Fittings.
Hazardous Materials	SEBEL does not use or add any of the listed hazardous materials or prohibited substances (including PVC) during the manufacturing of the nominated products.
Post Consumption Recycling and Labelling	SEBEL products can be disassembled without specialized tools or expertise to facilitate the recovery of the constituent materials for recycling.
Product Custodianship	SEBEL has take back offers to customers for its Environmental Choice Australia Eco-labeled products.
Coatings and Treatment	The nominated SEBEL products are not coated or treated in a way that would prevent recycling.
Replacement Parts	SEBEL has a standard 5 year warranty and replacement parts policy in place.
Fabrics	Sebel Furniture is upholstering its furniture and fittings in only GECA certified fabrics or fabrics which have been assessed as part of this assessment and found to not compromise the ability of the furniture and fittings to meet the requirements of the GECA 28 (Furniture and Fittings) Standard. This ensures that the fabrics applied to the furniture and fittings will comply with all requirements of GECA 28 (Furniture and Fittings) Standard, including those sections that apply regardless of the weight of the fabrics.
Packaging Requirements	SEBEL uses bubble wrap and cardboard boxes which can be recycled by local recycling system
Product Information	The certified SEBEL products come with sufficient product information regarding cleaning, maintenance and recycling instructions.
Environmental Regulations	SEBEL adheres to the relevant environmental regulations and has not been prosecuted for violations to environmental regulations in the past 24 months.
Labour, Anti-Discrimination and Safety Regulations	SEBEL is in compliance with the relevant social requirements and workplace regulations. The company has not been prosecuted for violations to labour, anti-discrimination or safety regulations in the past 24 months.

Quantifying key criteria for assurance to the market.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

A detailed Verification report is supplied to verified manufacturers regarding the findings of environmental characteristics of their products and evidence of compliance. The verification report can be made available at the sole discretion of the manufacturer.

This EPD has been made available for green purchasing officers, specifiers, and every day Australians seeking to purchase products and services on the basis of functional and overall environmental and human health performance.



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#### FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE WEB

The Australian Ecolabel Program is the national environmental product life cycle labelling program for Australia. Further details of the Australian Ecolabel Program are available from [www.eassurance.com.au](http://www.eassurance.com.au) and [www.geca.org.au](http://www.geca.org.au).