



**CARES SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTIONAL STEEL (SCS) SCHEME  
SUMMARY OF ACCREDITATION AUDIT & CERTIFICATION AUDITS**

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**Summary of Accreditation Audit**

CARES hold the official UK accreditation status from The United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) for the BS 8902:2009 Responsible sourcing sector certification schemes for construction products - Specification. The details of the CARES accreditation status can be found in the following UKAS website

[http://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule\\_uploads/00011/00295/0002Product%20Certification.pdf](http://www.ukas.com/wp-content/uploads/schedule_uploads/00011/00295/0002Product%20Certification.pdf)

The last accreditation audit (Head office surveillance) was completed by UKAS assessor in May 2016. UKAS assessor did not raise any mandatory finding or recommendation at the end of the audit.

**Summary of 2016 Certification Audits**

CARES completed all scheduled SCS scheme audits in 2016. The type of the audits is given in Table 1.

Table 1. Type and number of CARES SCS scheme certification audits in 2016

Type of Audit	Number of Audits
MS Manual Review	2
Stage 1	-
Stage 2	5
Surveillance	28
Follow-up	4
Re-assessment	2
<b>Total number of Audits</b>	<b>42</b>

CARES assessors raised 81 non-conformance reports (NCRs), summary of those are given in Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of the NCRs in 2016

Type and number of NCR		Note
Major	-	-
Minor	81	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were reviewed by CARES and will be verified at the first CARES audits in 2017.

The majority of the NCRs were raised to improve the sustainability management systems and



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the operational controls of the certified organisations and the applicants in 2016.

## **Additional Comments**

CARES SCS Scheme has been revised with introduction of a rosette rating system to enable applicant companies to demonstrate their performance across the full range of material sustainability aspects and to better differentiate themselves from their competitors. The Rosette system requires meeting of all mandatory requirements in all sections, and beyond those company is awarded with 1 to 3 CARES Rosette depending on voluntary performance credits gained. In year 2016, all certified companies were assessed for their SCS performance as shown in Table 1 and 2; as a result, 1 company achieved 2 and 3 companies achieved 1 CARES Rosette.

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