



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

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Summary of Accreditation Audit

CARES holds 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

The last accreditation audit (Head office Re-assessment) was completed by UKAS assessor in April 2014. UKAS assessor was not raised any mandatory finding or recommendation after the audit.

Summary of 2015 Certification Audits

CARES completed all scheduled SCS scheme audits in 2015. The type of the audits is given in Table 1.

Table 1. Type and number of CARES SCS scheme certification audits in 2015

Type of Audit	Number of Audit
Management Review	8
Stage 1	6
Stage 2	6
Surveillance	23
Follow-up	3
Re-assessment	7
Total number of Audits	53

CARES assessors raised 40 non compliance reports (NCRs) and the summary of the NCRs is given in Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of the NCRs in 2015

Type and number of NCR	Note
Major 1	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were verified at the follow-up audit.
Minor 39	The root cause analysis and actions to the NCRs were reviewed by CARES and will be verified at the first CARES audits in 2016.



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The majority of the NCRs were raised to improve the sustainability management systems and the operational controls of the certified organisations and the applicants in 2015.

The certified organisations showed strong operational performance for environmental management systems and occupational health and safety management systems in 2015. The efforts to improve stakeholder engagement processes helped demonstrate enhanced social performance of the organisations.

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