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Timberlink Green Low Odour - A world first in outdoor timber treatment

Timberlink Australia is the first in the world to offer a new Low Odour LOSP (Light Organic Solvent Preservative) treatment that has up to 30 times less odour than traditional LOSP formulations. This world first patent pending treatment has been developed in conjunction with their major preservative partner, Arch Chemicals (Lonza) and is now being used to treat the Timberlink Green Low Odour Structural Pine range.

“We believe new low odour Timberlink Green is one of the most innovative timber products released in Australia for some years. It has all the benefits of conventional LOSP treated product, but without the typical odour,” states Dr. David Humphrey, Asia Pacific Research & Development Manager for Arch Wood Protection.

LOSP has become Australia’s preferred treatment for H3 outdoor treated timber with its dimensional stability and consistent appearance. It also had no complicated usage restrictions attached to it making it ideal for all above ground outdoor building applications such as pergolas and deck substructures. However the distinct odour associated with traditional LOSP treated timber can make storage, handling and usage of the product a negative experience for some customers and end-users.

But with Timberlink Green Low Odour this is no longer an issue or concern. The Timberlink Green range has all the benefits of LOSP treatment without the unpleasant smell.

“The preference for LOSP for outdoor structural products has occurred because the market could clearly see benefits with product stability and less stress in the timber with no need to re-dry timber after treatment to maintain structural ratings. These benefits coupled with Timberlink Australia’s pruned log feedstock and strict grading rules at our Bell Bay sawmill is establishing a strong market preference for our Timberlink Green H3 LOSP outdoor structural range,” explains Trevor Innes, GM of Technical and Environment at Timberlink Australia.

“We listened to our customers. They have voted with their growing orders for our Timberlink Green product over the past five years but they also had concerns about the odour of the traditional formulation, particularly its sharp “methylated spirits” smell. LOSP has now long proven its safety and effectiveness so, with this new formulation that has up to 30 times less odour at the same price as the old formulation, why wouldn’t the market prefer this” stated Christine Briggs, Timberlink Australia’s GM of Marketing and Business Development.

