

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Timberlink Releases First Sustainability Report

Today Timberlink released its 2016 Sustainability Report. In this our first Sustainability Report, we have tracked our social and environmental management and performance for the year. Highlights have been:

- **Forestry Sourcing and Traceability** - More than 97% of our Australian log intake is certified by either the AFS/PEFC or FSC® schemes (or both). The remainder is controlled through a Due Diligence System.
- **People and Community** - This year the indirect economic contribution made by our mills is estimated to be \$180M for Tarpeena, \$150M for Bell Bay and NZ\$60M for Blenheim.
- **Environment and Efficiencies** - The new technology contraflow drying kiln at Tarpeena is using 40% less electricity compared to our conventional batch kilns when drying our wood.
- **Compliance** - We passed our EPA on-site audit at Bell Bay with 100% compliance and were commended for our environmental management practices

In broad terms, we define sustainability as making business decisions that make the world better and not worse off. We create products that do their job reliably and consistently. We develop sustainable customer and supply partner relationships that are enduring.

Our economic success is focused on continuous and sustainable business improvement. This provides secure employment opportunities that deliver both environmental and community benefits through our use of plantation-based forests.

Our objective is to be a zero harm, sustainable business. We understand that to be successful in the longer term we need to look after our people, our environment and the regional and wider communities in which we operate.

Sustainability at Timberlink is more than a policy; it is part of our DNA.

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### **About Timberlink Australia | New Zealand**

Timberlink ([timberlinkaustralia.com.au](http://timberlinkaustralia.com.au) | [timberlinknz.co.nz](http://timberlinknz.co.nz)) is a leading Australasian timber products manufacturing business. The business has three sawmills at Bell Bay (Tasmania), Blenheim (New Zealand) and Tarpeena (South Australia) that manufacture plantation pine; and has sales and distribution teams based in Perth, Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne as well as sales teams based at the Bell Bay and Blenheim sawmills. Timberlink produces fit-for-purpose indoor and outdoor structural timber for building new homes and renovation projects. Aligning the Timberlink business with forest resources enables the company to have a long-term committed approach to its business and customers.

We are a carbon negative industry. For every cubic metre of dry finished timber we produce, we remove 631kg of carbon dioxide from our atmosphere and lock it in the timber for its lifetime.