

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Timber technology and great people are key in Tasmania**

Today, Timberlink's CEO, Mr. Ian Tyson, welcomed Tasmanian Minister Guy Barnett to Timberlink's Bell Bay mill where they discussed the mill's next major investment. Continuous investment in world class technology, coupled with a well-trained and highly capable team, is what gives Timberlink the edge in manufacturing structural pine. It is also what supports the Tasmanian sawmill's ability to be competitive and makes it the only large scale, forest integrated plantation softwood sawmill in Tasmania.

This year Timberlink will again be heavily investing in its future. An example is the 21<sup>st</sup> century technology installation of a Cant Grader in its Bell Bay sawmill. This grading tool, developed in Australia and New Zealand, has X-Ray and acoustic technology that provides minute detail of the cant (the middle, large part of the log remaining after removal of the sideboards), allowing for ideal sawing patterns every single time. Costing almost \$700,000, the investment will be partly funded by a \$50,000 grant obtained from the Tasmania Jobs and Investment Fund, a joint federal and state government programme. Mr. Tyson, speaking with Minister Barnett expressed the company's appreciation of the grant, saying that "Timberlink welcomes the financial support as well as the grant's stated aim of helping Tasmanian businesses through the generation of sustainable jobs and investment".

Mr. Tyson took the opportunity of today's meeting to show Minister Barnett around the mill, highlighting just some of the leading technology currently used. He explained that this technology is used by the mill's 190 employees to produce large volumes of engineered structural pine products.

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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 structural pine products. Timberlink has sales and distribution teams based in Perth, Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne and sales teams based at the Bell Bay and Blenheim sawmills.

Aligning the Timberlink business with forest resources enables the company to have a long-term committed approach to its business and customers.

Using timber is good for the environment. For every cubic metre of dry finished timber produced, 631kg of carbon dioxide is drawn from atmosphere and retained in the timber over its entire lifetime.