

PRESS RELEASE - INDUSTRY

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Customers' business longevity inspires Timberlink's first anniversary celebrations

Timberlink Australia is celebrating their first anniversary on 1st of February 2014. Timberlink will celebrate throughout the month of February where they plan to recognise and thank key partners and stakeholders including employees, customers, suppliers and the regional communities who have been a part of the company for not only the first year of trading but over many years through different ownerships.

The longevity of their customers deserve to be recognised, as some have reached and are well over their 100th year in business, while many others have also proven themselves with the test of time at 20 years plus.

"In deciding how to recognise and reflect on our first year of business as Timberlink Australia, it was important for us to feel proud as employees working for a significant Australian manufacturing business but also to be humbled by the longevity of the customer businesses in various industry segments that we partner with" said Mr Ian Tyson, Timberlink's CEO.

Though Timberlink is celebrating their first anniversary, it has been quite a significant first year for the business, including rebranding the newly acquired business back in early 2013 whilst maintaining and growing employment for their 416 personnel, many of whom have decades of experience in their fields – saw doctors, specialty trades, supply chain, sawmill optimisation, and timber sales and customer service. Also announced during their first year of business is significant ongoing investment at the manufacturing sites of Tarpeena and Bell Bay to remain internationally competitive and improve the resilience of the business to perform throughout the cycle. In particular their Tarpeena Sawmill has plans for a \$20 million upgrade over the next 3 years, assisted by a \$6.8m grant funded by the South East Forest Partnership Program.

"We are a pretty down-to-earth business in a very hard-working Australian industry so our celebration plans are not elaborate but will include lunches for employees at every site across the business (6 sites in total). We also want to take this opportunity to thank our customers and suppliers for their support over the past 12 months and look forward to celebrating more anniversary milestones in the future with them over the coming years", said Christine Briggs, GM Marketing and Business Development.

About Timberlink

Timberlink (www.timberlinkaustralia.com.au) is a leading national timber products manufacturing business. The business has two sawmills at Bell Bay (Tasmania) and Tarpeena (South Australia) that manufacture Australian grown plantation pine, national sales and distribution teams based in Perth, Adelaide, and Melbourne, and a sales team based at the Bell Bay mill. Timberlink produces fit-for-purpose indoor and outdoor structural timber for Australian new homes and renovation projects. Aligning the Timberlink business with the forest resources enables the company to have a long-term committed approach to its business and customers. Timberlink's customers range from frame and truss manufacturers, other industrial manufactures and multi-outlet merchants and chain retailers to whom they supply indoor and outdoor structural and pallet & packaging pine timber.

We invite photographers to some of our listed sites below on the day of each site celebrating the event with employees, to capture images to accompany the Press Release:

Bell Bay – Sawmill & TAS Sales and Distribution Team

Thursday 6th February, 2014 (between 12-1pm)

Knoxfield – Sales and Distribution Site

Monday 3rd February, 2014 (between 12-1pm)

Tarpeena – Sawmill

Thursday 13th February, 2014 (between 12-1pm)

Please note, if you wish to go out to any of the following sites please contact – Brittany Mason, 03 9212 7419 or brittany.mason@timberlinkaustralia.com.au so we can provide the relevant safety inductions and a guided representative to accompany you on the day.

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