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Minister Michael Ferguson visits Timberlink's Bell Bay mill

On Wednesday July 26th, Timberlink welcomed Tasmanian Minister Michael Ferguson (Member for Bass and Minister for Information Technology & Innovation), to its Bell Bay mill in Northern Tasmania. There to meet with senior Timberlink managers, the minister toured the mill and saw first-hand some of the investments made by the business since taking ownership of the site.

Timberlink continuously invests in technology and the development of its people at each of its mills, understanding that this will ensure the long-term sustainability of the business. At the Bell Bay mill, Timberlink will be commissioning a Cant Grader, costing approximately \$700,000, in January 2018. This innovative grading tool, developed in Australia and New Zealand, has X-Ray and acoustic technology that provides precise 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. This highly sophisticated technology ensures that the best value is created from every single softwood log, resulting in improved supply of structurally graded timber products to Tasmania.

Meeting with the Minister were Timberlink's General Manager Emerging Business and Innovation, Mr. David Oliver and General Manager Technical and Environment, Dr. Trevor Innes. David Oliver, explaining the importance of investment in Bell Bay said that "Timberlink's investments in new technology are vital for building a long term successful softwood mill capable of supporting Tasmania's construction industry, suppliers and our people for years to come".

Timberlink's Bell Bay mill is the only large scale, forest integrated plantation softwood mill in Tasmania. The mill's 190 employees produce a wide range of structural and non-structural pine products, primarily for Tasmanian, Australian and export markets.

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About Timberlink Australia | New Zealand

Timberlink (timberlinkaustralia.com.au, 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. Timber manufacturing is a carbon negative industry. 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.