

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Timberlink leads industry in sustainability certification**

Timberlink believes in the legal, ethical and sustainable sourcing of timber and is a staunch supporter of the forestry certification schemes that provide assurance of this to the market. Timberlink's three mills have held certification since the business commenced operations and following further investment in its Australian mills now becomes the first major sawmilling business in Australia to hold dual certification.

Timberlink's two Australian mills, Tarpeena in South Australia and Bell Bay in Tasmania, recently achieved FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) certification on solid wood. This is in addition to the AFS (Australian Forestry Standard)/PEFC (Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification Schemes) certifications already held by the Australian sites, which the business intends to maintain, along with the FSC certification already held for woodchips. No other major Australian sawmilling business holds both FSC and AFS/PEFC certification, something Timberlink is justifiably proud of.

Timberlink's CEO, Mr. Ian Tyson explained that the decision to add to the company's Australian certifications was made for two main reasons, "Firstly, we only ever use plantation grown Radiata Pine, most of which originates from FSC certified plantations. Secondly, market demand for certified timber has been steadily growing over the last few years, and we wanted to be able to meet our customers' needs, be they for FSC or AFS/PEFC certified timber".

With Timberlink's New Zealand mill in Blenheim already FSC certified, the move to certify its Australian mills also makes Timberlink the only Australasian sawmilling business to hold FSC certification for solid wood products across all its sawmills - providing our customers with one certification across all Timberlink 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. 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.