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QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT DEMANDS GREEN TIMBER

Prepare now because implementing chain of custody certification, a way to ensure you are selling or purchasing sustainable timber, will soon be a pre-requisite for doing business with QBuild warns peak industry body Timber Queensland

Rod McInnes, CEO Timber Queensland says QBuild, the leading provider of construction and strategic building maintenance services for the Queensland Government, will be requiring only certified timbers to be supplied under its '*Supply of Timber and Timber Products*' standing offer arrangements.

"This is big business, the supply arrangements apply throughout metropolitan and regional areas, and timber merchants and suppliers will need to be able to demonstrate that sawn timber has been obtained from legal and sustainable sources," said Rod McInnes.

"In the first instance in 2009, QBuild will be increasingly specifying only recycled timber and/or chain of custody certified timber from its suppliers. In early 2010, QBuild will be recalling its '*Supply of Timber and Timber Products*' standing offer arrangements and timber suppliers themselves will need to be chain of custody certified" he said.

"QBuild will recognise chain of custody certification delivered by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) or other international schemes endorsed by the Program for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC)."

"The whole timber industry is moving towards demonstrating its sustainability credentials, and more and more purchasers, particularly in the commercial sector, are demanding certified wood" said Mr McInnes.

Queensland forests managed by Forestry Plantations Queensland and the Department of Natural Resources and Water are AFS Certified, and Rod McInnes says that Timber Queensland can help Queensland businesses become chain of custody certified.

"Timber Queensland is administering a grant scheme for primary processors, with funding from Forestry Plantations Queensland, the Department of Natural Resources and Water, and the Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry, that provides reimbursement for up to half the external costs of achieving chain of custody certification, to a maximum of \$12,000," he said.

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“The scheme is eligible to clients of Forestry Plantations Queensland and the Department of Natural Resources and Water, and aims to assist the Queensland industry prepare for future sustainability requirements.”

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