



The Sustainable Log

ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT

The accounts department have been working hard to stabilise our new ERP accounting software called ACCPAK and we now have our entire 9 Mile inventory on the system. The next step is to get the stock at CB FMA onto the system as well. We will also be able to generate good management reports from this system to help us run the company in the most efficient way.

We also had recent good news when Sally Bertillo received the results of her exams for the CPA PNG qualification. She has passed the first year of the 3 year course which the company is sponsoring her to study. Well done Sally, only two years to go and you will be a fully qualified accountant.

We also welcome Rachel Andrews to our company. Rachel has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of Technology in Lae. Rachel comes from Cloudy Bay and has joined our accounts department in Port Moresby.

Representative officials from Nasfund recently visited our operations to educate our employees on the various social security benefits which they offer and they have also encouraged our employees on the benefits of looking after their future savings for retirement. Staff were also shown how to apply for loans correctly. This feedback session was aimed at developing a healthy relationship between employees and Nasfund.

SUPPLY CHAIN AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Welcome to the following people who have joined the Supply and IT team:

Eddie Leo - Courier Run offsider
 Chester - Courier Run Driver
 Keven Emudu - Timber Stock Man
 Paul Tupou - Contract IT administrator

SUPPLY NEWS

Lillian Murua has transferred to the purchasing team to help out with the workload Germaine Toivita is now looking after the WPC stores.

We have purchased two new blue cooler boxes to ensure that the frozen food going to CB FMA remain in good condition.

CBSFL has entered into a Charter arrangement with Steamships Shipping for the permanent hire of a barge to transport our bundles to POM. This officially starts on 1st August.

IT NEWS

We have engaged the services of a part time IT administrator. Paul Tupou has joined us from Daltron. Paul will be helping us to maintain our IT system and provide IT support to those who require it.

For those using computers you will note that your explorer home page is now the CBSFL intranet home page. We will be putting a lot of useful information on this page. We already have an area for company announcements, phone and contact information and company pictures.

We have also set up a HELP DESK which can be use to log any issues you may be having so that they can be addressed.

If you have any ideas on other information that might be useful and interesting and should be displayed on this page please send an email to pault@cloudybay.com.pg.

WOOD PROCESSING CENTRE

With the much anticipated increased timber flow coming out of the new Sawmill in Bam, there has been lots of activity in the Wood Processing Centre at 9 Mile preparing for this occasion.

There was lots of the action around the yard with a bulldozer and excavator working on moving a big hill to make a new larger timber bundle lay-down area adjacent to the residential areas behind our processing centre. We also removed the hill near the existing boiler and kiln dryer chambers so that we can build a new set of kilns that are heated by solar energy. Plans are underway to build an additional storage shed near this new kiln to store the kiln dried product. The new kilns will be installed in October this year.

We are in the process of stocking shorts which were salvaged from reject timber and this was stockpiled until the new Finger Jointing line was installed. This line has now been commissioned and will allow the company to utilise all the waste products and turn them into products that can be sold into the construction and joinery market.

We have also purchased a range of new joinery machining equipment to improve our quality and increase the volume of products we produce. These machines are all being installed in a redesigned floor layout in the joinery shop. The most impressive of these machines is undoubtedly the Biesse CNC Machine. This machine is programmed to do a set of activities and once set up the computer runs all the operations, and work that would take a man all day to finish can now be done in a matter of minutes at much greater accuracy. Truly impressive!

We have also purchased a new Surface Planner, Thickness Planner, Spindle Moulder, Panel Saw, Wide Belt Sander, Post Former and an Edgebander. This new equipment has really changed our ability to make joinery products, and given the talented crew in the joinery department the latest equipment to work with.

We have also installed some new material handling equipment in the timber processing section which has improved the flow of materials along the cutting line. The biggest improvement was a scissor lift which allows the workers handling the breakdown of the bundles to have an ergonomic platform from which to move the boards onto the conveyor. No more bending down to lift heavy boards onto the conveyor!

We have completed the installation and commissioning of the new Pressure Treatment Plant which is a fully automated process and takes about 2 hours to treat a batch. This allows us to treat the full range of hazard classes with the new plant doing the H1 to H3 above ground applications with ACQ chemicals while the old plant can do the H4 to H6 in ground applications, including marine applications with CCA chemicals. We can now treat 65m³ per day in our new facility.

We have more exciting developments for the Building Division which will be reported on in our next Newsletter.



New Pressure Treatment Plant