



The Sustainable Log

BAM UPDATE

From the start of construction in September 2009 there have been some significant changes and progress to the project and also some concerns with heavy rains and contractors. But all considering, it has progressed at a steady rate and we are looking at starting production of sawn timber in mid August. There was a slight delay in the log yard due to heavy rains.

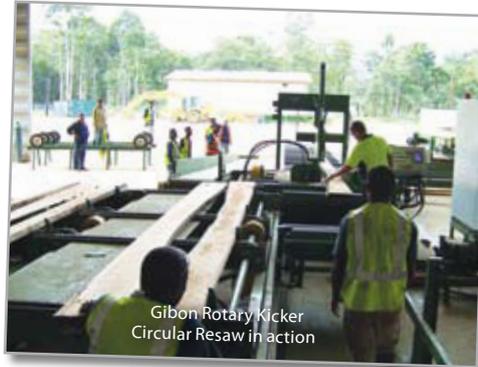
On the Sawmill construction side, civil and structural contractors were complete in early June 2010 and the mechanical and electrical contractors were on site the first week May 2010 and off site by mid July. Only Gibson's, the Sawmill equipment consultants, will return in mid August, when the Sawmill starts running, to monitor continuous running for the final adjustments and fine tuning of the equipment.

On the housing infrastructure side, the following buildings have been erected: Kitchen/mess, 2x dormitories, 3x showers and toilets, supervisor housing, recreation building, NFS housing, clinic, 4x guestrooms, 2 bedroom guest house and 3x manager houses. A rugby sports field has also been cleared and has already been used for our local footy competition, which takes place every Saturday morning.

So, as of July 31st 2010 we say farewell to the project and look forward to the start of a successful Sawmill that CBSFL and the local people can be proud of. It will bring in work and employment for the locals and improve the infrastructure in the villages by way of roads, schools and clinics.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all the CBSFL staff, the local people of Cloudy Bay, the Port Moresby Contractors and the expatriate contractors that have worked with me either as project employees or contractors on the project. You have all worked under arduous conditions from the start and your efforts have been most appreciated. You have all provided a valuable contribution to the success of this project, showing enthusiasm and the ability to adapt to the working conditions and logistical concerns that we had. So it is farewell from me, and good luck for the future.

Gavin Soutar
Project Manager



Gibon Rotary Kicker
Circular Resaw in action



Saw Shop



Wide board stacker in action



Construction



View of the Saw Shop



NO 2. Grey Bench in action



The Mill under lights



The Mill