

**BEFORE THE BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**IN THE MATTER** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of an application under section 88 for resource consent for the discharge of stormwater to land where it may enter water at Jellicoe Street, Te Puke

**APPLICANT** **Pukepine Sawmills (1998) Limited**

**Statement of Evidence of David Sandford for the Applicant**

1. My name is David Sandford. I am the Operations Manager for Pukepine Sawmills (1998) Limited (**Pukepine**). I have worked for Pukepine since 2006. I have held the role of Operations Manager since 2006.
2. My role at Pukepine includes management of day-to-day operations and strategic future planning. I have been involved in stormwater discharge matters since 2009. In particular I have been involved in planning and overseeing changes to the on-site stormwater management arrangements at Pukepine's Jellicoe Street timber treatment and storage site in Te Puke.
3. Major works to improve stormwater arrangements on site commenced in early 2016. The work required the installation two large environmental sediment ponds to capture all water run-off from the entire Pukepine site.
4. A significant underground drainage system was also installed to capture all roof water run-off, which was diverted directly to the main drain (**Factory Drain**). And, a large diversion drainage system to direct run-off from properties to the south of the Pukepine site was also installed to direct this run-off to the main drain.
5. All of the major works was completed in February 2017.
6. Once the ponds were up and running, Pukepine installed a kiln condensate containment system that contains condensate then this is released automatically to the Western Bay District Council Sewer System. This system operates under a trade waste permit.
7. The total cost of all these environmental improvements was \$1.1 million dollars.
8. Pukepine ceased using the boron treatment process on the site in September 2013. Also, in November 2016, it purchased a large industrial site in Kerepehi, which has become Pukepine's main distribution centre and CCA treatment facility.
9. Over the past three years, Pukepine has been reducing the volume of CCA treated timber on

the Te Puke site and increased the volumes treated at the Kerepehi site. Last year, June 2018-June 2019, 70% of our CCA treating was processed at the Kerepehi plant. This volume is intended to increase to approximately 90% over the next year or so.

10. Low volumes of CCA treated timber are stored on the Te Puke site. The treated timber that is stored on site has a plastic cap covering the packets, which reduces the volume of contaminants flushed into stormwater from the stored timber.
11. There has been an improvement in stormwater quality measured on site since the ponds were been installed. Regular sampling and monitoring has been carried out and reported to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council.

**David Sanford**

9 August 2019

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