

Press Release
25 September, 2016

Plantation company releases \$25m wharf design

Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers has released the design for its proposed multi-user export wharf facility at Smith Bay on the north coast of Kangaroo Island.

The design employs a sealed roadway on a rock-and-fill causeway, extending towards a large floating pontoon barge permanently moored in deep water and accessed by a link-span bridge. Associated on-shore works will enable the facility to export timber and to operate as a multi-user, multi-cargo facility. The cost of the project is expected to be about \$25m, including the cost of a newly-built pontoon barge.

KIPT managing director John Sergeant said the company was committed to ensuring the capital costs of the wharf project were recouped through a charge on scheduled timber exports, with non-timber importers and exporters being able to access the wharf at other times based on incremental costs only.

KIPT has engaged two Adelaide-based firms to work on the project – design engineers Aztec Analysis and its construction partner Maritime Constructions.

Personnel from Maritime Constructions are now on a three-week, six-country inspection tour of various Asian shipyards and marine facilities. Eleven suitable reconditioned barges have been identified, ranging from 130m to 170m long and with beams of 40m, sufficient for heavy vehicle turning. Four suitable shipyards have been identified as having the capacity to build a new barge to specifications.

“We believe the savings in time and money that may be available by securing a suitable reconditioned barge, and the benefits in engaging early with potential suppliers of a new barge, justify this expenditure, notwithstanding the fact that the project has not yet received development consent,” Mr Sergeant said.

Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers has standing timber assets of 1.3 million cubic metres – about 60 per cent softwood (pine) and 40 per cent hardwood (bluegum) - on the 7200 hectares of land it owns on Kangaroo Island.

Wharf design graphics attached.

For more information, contact John Sergeant 0412 345 359.

<http://www.kipt.com.au/>