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## **Update on the Wood Centre**

Construction activity at the Wood Centre ceased temporarily due to inclement weather. Shaw Contracting achieved an impressive amount given the weather conditions.

The bulk earthworks for the site pad are completed and the drainage system including a sedimentation settlement basin is operational. The pumpstation building is up and the main water process basin has been excavated.

The recent heavy rains that raised the Huon River to within a metre of the beams on the Southwood Bridge did no damage to the site and provided a good test for the drainage system.

The Stage 1 works that remain to be finished include final levelling of the top of the building pad, installation of the lining to the process water basin and construction of the stormwater run-off basin.

Transend Networks submitted a development application to erect the power supply line to the site. The Huon Valley Council granted a permit for the line and construction will be undertaken during this summer. The 15km 110kV line runs from the existing transmission line at Old Road Castle Forbes Bay to Southwood Road, then follows the road to the site.

## **Neville Smith Timbers Regrowth Sawmill Shaping Up**

The contract to build the new regrowth sawmill has been let to Vos Constructions. It will be an L shaped building 100 metres by 70 metres [in the L] and 30 metres wide. Construction was expected to commence on site towards the end of August but the constant rain has delayed work by a number of weeks.

Equipment is due to arrive in October for installation commencing November, with the mill scheduled to be up and running by April 2004. A number of local businesses have been sourced for their services involving the installation of equipment, and operators of the machinery will be called for in the new year. Manual job positions will be filled about the end of March 2004.

## **Wood Veneer Design Challenge**

The Wood Veneer Design Challenge competition closed on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. All entries will be exhibited from Monday 6 October – so come in to the Wood Centre Shop and see the display of talent that our entrants have on show. Judging will take place during that week. The winners will be notified by phone and published in the Huon News.