

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Timberlink contributes to New Zealand earthquake fund**

Timberlink employees in both Australia and New Zealand were very concerned by the news of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck New Zealand's South Island on November 14. Timberlink employs over eighty people at its New Zealand mill in Blenheim, and while our New Zealand employees and mill escaped serious damage, Timberlink is aware that the earthquake and resultant aftershocks caused significant damage to parts of Blenheim and impacted the wider Marlborough community.

Timberlink's CEO, Mr Ian Tyson said that "Timberlink would like to express its sympathy to all those affected by the earthquake, in particular to the family and friends of those who suffered loss or injury."

With Christmas approaching, Timberlink decided that funds allocated for Christmas would be well spent helping those affected by the earthquake. The Australasian business has therefore donated NZ\$5,000 to the Marlborough Council Earthquake fund, established by John Leggett, Marlborough Mayor, to directly help victims in the district. The Council's fund will be used to provide for the welfare needs of the affected families and to help get their homes operational again.

Timberlink would like to congratulate John Leggett on establishing this fund and wishes the Marlborough community all the best as they repair the damage and support those impacted by this earthquake.

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#### **About Timberlink Australia | New Zealand**

Timberlink ([timberlinkaustralia.com.au](http://timberlinkaustralia.com.au), [timberlinknz.co.nz](http://timberlinknz.co.nz)) is a leading Australasian timber products manufacturing business. The business has three sawmills at Bell Bay (Tasmania), Blenheim (New Zealand) and Tarpeena (South Australia) that manufacture plantation pine products; and has sales and distribution teams based in Perth, Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne as well as sales teams based at the Bell Bay and Blenheim sawmills. Timberlink produces fit-for-purpose indoor and outdoor

structural timber for building new homes and renovation projects. Aligning the Timberlink business with forest resources enables the company to have a long-term committed approach to its business and customers.

Timber manufacturing is a carbon negative industry. For every cubic metre of dry finished timber produced, 631kg of carbon dioxide is drawn from atmosphere and retained in the timber over its entire lifetime.