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Midway has commenced woodfibre export expansion at Bell Bay

Australia's only listed wood fibre processor and exporter, Midway Limited, (Midway or the Company) has commenced construction of port storage and loading facilities at Bell Bay in northern Tasmania.

Midway CEO and Managing Director, Tony Price said that CPT Engineering, a local construction firm from George Town had started preliminary work at the port in Bell Bay.

Mr Price said Midway had signed a multi-year lease agreement with TasPorts, including an option to extend operations at the site that allowed the Company to build its own export facilities at Bell Bay.

"This is an exciting development, as Midway will be able to start exporting hardwood eucalypt regrowth and softwood woodfibre in its own right from Bell Bay in FY22, in addition to its existing third party woodfibre export operations" Mr Price said.

"Midway will invest \$12-14 million in capital expenditure on port storage, processing and loading facilities at Bell Bay in several stages over the next two financial years subject to all relevant regulatory approvals. The project is expected to be funded through a combination of operating cashflow and asset finance.

"Long-term timber supply contract with Sustainable Timber Tasmania and a number of private forest owners will provide the woodfibre for the new Bell Bay facility which will have an eventual capacity of up to 600,000 tonnes of woodfibre per annum."

In a separate development, Midway has also entered into a strategic alliance with Climate Friendly <u>climatefriendly.com</u> a leading carbon advisory firm, to help develop farm forestry on privately-owned farmland in Tasmania.

Mr Price said Midway and Climate Friendly would partner with private landowners to grow sustainable forest products and generate income from carbon farming during the plantation-growing period.

"Midway is very pleased to join with Climate Friendly to provide private forest growers the opportunity to expand the commercial plantation estate and generate carbon emission reduction credits," Mr Price said.

This announcement has been approved by the Midway Board of Directors.

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About Midway Limited

Midway Limited is a leading Australian forestry company with headquarters in Geelong, with 100% shareholdings in Plantation Management Partners (PMP) based on Melville Island and Midway Logistics (MWL) based in Bunbury, Western Australia, and majority shareholdings in South West Fibre Pty Ltd (SWF) based in the Green Triangle and Queensland Commodity Exports Pty Ltd (QCE) based in Brisbane. Founded in 1980, Midway is primarily involved in the production, processing and export of high quality wood fibre to producers of pulp, paper and associated products in the Asian region. For further information, visit www.midwaylimited.com.au.