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Enforceable Undertaking: Morgan Sawmill Jamestown

SafeWork SA has accepted an enforceable undertaking by Morgan Sawmill Jamestown, estimated to cost about \$140,000, in relation to two offences under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*.

The first incident, on 15 July 2015, involved a failure to maintain plant in a safe condition and a failure to provide and maintain a safe system of work. This led to a worker being injured while cleaning a debarking machine.

The second incident, on 9 September 2015, involved a failure to provide plant in a safe condition. It led to a worker being injured by a bench saw.

SafeWork SA Acting Executive Director Dini Soulio said the undertaking would deliver significant improvements in work health and safety to the company's workers as well as others in the industry.

As part of the undertaking Morgan Sawmill Jamestown has:

- introduced new control measures on the debarking machine and altered its Safe Operating Procedure
- installed remote isolators on the debarking machine
- constructed and installed guards on the bench saw
- engaged SafeWork SA to hold a safety meeting with all workers
- sent six supervisors to further work health and safety training.

"The company has developed an emergency stop mechanism for debarking machines and, as part of the undertaking, it will provide the design at no cost to other users of these machines," Mr Soulio said.

In other measures, the company will engage Business SA to provide on-site training to all employees, engage an external auditor to assess safety systems, introduce a Safe Worker of the Month initiative and sponsor a number of community work health and safety initiatives.

An enforceable undertaking is a legally binding agreement in which a person or organisation agrees to rectify a contravention or alleged contravention of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* to improve work health and safety outcomes and performance.

"Enforceable undertakings are an effective compliance alternative to a prosecution, as they ensure the provision of practical safety benefits to workers, industry and the community, not just a financial penalty," Mr Soulio said.

If the individual or the organisation fails to meet the terms of the undertaking SafeWork SA can proceed with prosecution action.

A copy of the enforceable undertaking is available on the SafeWork SA website.