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FORESTS MINISTER OPENS 5-STAR HEAD OFFICE

The new Head Office for ForestrySA will be officially opened in Mount Gambier today by the Minister for Forests, Hon Rory McEwen.

The building is the first in South Australia to comply with the new 5-star green rating system for public buildings. A highlight of new building is the extensive use of plantation timber materials.

Chairman of ForestrySA, Mr John Ross said the building showcases ForestrySA's plantation timber business.

ForestrySA's Chief Executive Mr Brian Farmer said timber was used in both engineering and design features throughout the building.

"Much of this material has been sourced from South Australian plantations with most of the radiata pine product coming from local mills and ForestrySA's own forests".

"In addition to the radiata pine, specialty plantation eucalypt timber from ForestrySA's plantations at Bundaleer and Wirrabara Forest Reserves has also been used for design features and furniture."

Designed by Woods Bagot, the building is a single storey structure elevated off the ground to create a lightweight pavilion appearance. It caters for 110 ForestrySA staff.

The building is orientated north-south with extensive glazing and incorporates horizontal sun canopies and vertical sun shading. It is divided into two equal sized pavillions connected by two bridging sections containing reception, atrium and staff areas. The east and west facades are predominantly solid, using a lightweight cladding material.

The design of the facility is based on the administrative and forest operations needs of ForestrySA.

What: Opening of ForestrySA Head Office
Who: Forests Minister, Hon Rory McEwen
When: Midday, Thursday August 23
Where: ForestrySA, Jubilee Highway East, Mount Gambier

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