

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**PAPERLINX TASMANIAN MILLS ACHIEVE ISO 14001**

PaperlinX's Burnie and Wesley Vale paper mills in Tasmania, Australia, have both achieved ISO 14001 Environmental Certification.

Established under the auspices of the International Organisation for Standardisation, ISO 14001 registration recognises organisations whose environmental management systems meet the comprehensive requirements of this internationally recognised standard. It addresses how to effectively manage the environmental aspects of an organisation's activities, products and services.

"This is an important step in our objective of all PaperlinX's operations achieving ISO 14001 standard," said Mr Ian Wightwick, Managing Director of PaperlinX. "Credit should be given to the teams at Burnie and Wesley Vale who have worked extremely hard to have both sites reach certification ahead of schedule," added Mr Wightwick. "This achievement reinforces with customers, neighbours and shareholders our strong commitment to environmental stewardship and to continued improvement of our operations."

These mills produce around 210,000 tonnes of quality coated and uncoated fine papers for the Australian market.

The mills join Australian Paper Plantations, which achieved ISO 14001 certification in May 2000.

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