

CASE STUDY: BSW Timber Delivers First Phase of Multi-Million Pound Investment at Dalbeattie Site

BSW Timber is in the process of installing a new boiler plant at the Howie Forest Products site at Dalbeattie, in the first phase of a £7 million investment in the mill.

The BHH5000 Biomass boiler will be up and running by May 2011. The 5 MW boiler will work in conjunction with an existing unit to provide hot water to run the kilns and will be sustainably fuelled by natural bi-products from the site, including bark and woodchips.

The new equipment will ensure the site has sufficient latent heat capacity to accommodate future kiln investments.

BSW Timber announced the multi-million pound investment in summer 2010. The Dalbeattie mill, the largest single-location sawmill in UK, will use the investment to drive an increase in annual productivity from 230,000 m³ sawn timber to more than 350,000m³.

The commitment will also deliver a new planer and grader line which will almost double production of Easi-Edge™ construction timber from 65,000m³ to 120,000m³ each year.

Manufacture of this added value timber product will be further increased by investment in a new stacker system to improve operational efficiencies and produce an additional 50,000m³ of Easi-Edge volume, whilst releasing greenmill capacity.

Tony Hackney, Chief Executive BSW Timber, said: “The first phase of delivering a major investment at Dalbeattie is underway. This major outlay is centered on delivering maximum value from the mill and shows our commitment to developing the site. The investment underlines BSW’s position as the UK’s leading sawmilling business and reinforces the company’s ambitions to grow the market for British timber.

“We are confident in the market and in no doubt that we are in a position to deliver maximum return on this multi-million pound investment, improve site efficiencies and build our reputation as the UK’s preferred timber supplier to its customers.”