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Palm paper award

ADELAIDE-BASED paper manufacturer Papyrus Australia has been recognised with two high commendations at the Manufacturers Monthly Endeavour Awards.

The company, which has developed technology to convert the waste trunk of banana palms into paper and other wood products, received the High Commendation Award in both the Environmental Solution of the Year Award and the Australian Consumer/Trade Product of the Year Award.

The Manufacturers' Monthly Endeavour Awards recognise best practice in Australian manufacturing.

Papyrus has established its first processing plant in Walkamin in far north Queensland. The factory is able to produce commercial quantities of fibreboard and veneer products, which are now exported to European veneer company 3W Tout Bois.

The Papyrus patent was granted in Australia in 2007 and the technology is patent-protected in many countries around the world.