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## Production milestone for new fibre technology

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Papyrus is now able to produce commercial quantities of fibreboard and veneer products for export from their Walkamin factory in far North Queensland.

The company utilises fibre from the waste trunk of the banana plant to produce paper and timber products.

Chairman Ted Byrt says "Our aim is to become a technology licensing company, but this requires us to first prove our technology and validate the commercial values of our banana veneer and fibre products in a production environment. This is now being achieved at our Walkamin factory."

The world-first technology takes an otherwise unused waste material to produce high value paper, cardboard, veneer and fibreboard products. the fibre, branded 'Beleaf' is water resistant and fire retardant.

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