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Papyrus Australia reaches milestone with new fibre technology

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PAPYRUS Australia has reached a production milestone with the ability to now produce commercial quantities of fibreboard and veneer products.

After 15 years of research and development, the company's chairman Ted Byrt says its Walkamin factory in far North Queensland has commenced production of banana-based veneer and fibre for export.

"Papyrus Australia has reached a major milestone in its development. We are now in continuous production of fibre and veneer and have identified Europe as our first market for our products. We have signed an export agreement with European veneer company 3W Tout Bois," Byrt says.

According to Papyrus, the world-first technology takes unused waste material to produce high-value paper, cardboard, veneer and fibreboard products which are both water-resistant and fire retardant.

Papyrus says its process uses a renewable fibre source that is fully sustainable which does not consume any chemicals or water during manufacture.

"The next stage will be to increase production levels, commission a fibre cutting machine and explore new markets," Byrt says.

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