

Tanalised E treatment plant commissioned for Western Cape

Arch Wood Protection has commissioned its first Tanalised E treatment plant in the Western Province.



Tanalised E wood preservative has been awarded the Ecospecifier Global certification, which means that the product has undergone rigorous assessments that have verified it as a global environmentally preferable product. The Riversdale Sawn Tanalised E treatment plant is a significant step towards growing the environmentally compliant wood treatment market.

The initiative is a joint business venture that is being spearheaded by two prominent and established industry players in the Western Cape. Outdoor timber specialists, The Pole Yard and Elvin Roelofse, who boasts a 25-year professional career in the forestry industry, entered into discussions in April last year to introduce environmentally compliant timber options in the Western Cape.

"When Riversdale Sawmill, which included a CCA treatment plant, came up for sale we knew that this was our opportunity bring this venture to fruition. We purchased the mill and Arch Wood Protection converted the CCA plant to a Tanalised E treatment plant, which was then commissioned at the end of October 2015," says Leeroy Deane of The Pole Yard.

Solid foundation

"The long-standing business relationship between The Pole Yard and myself provides a solid foundation for this joint venture. We are confident that our combined expertise will grow this business into a substantial local and export market for environmentally compliant wood treatment product options," adds Roelofse.

In a rapidly changing environment where eco-sensitive choices are becoming paramount, consumers are looking for wood treatment options. In particular household and children's wood products such as jungle gyms, planter boxes and garden furniture are being scrutinised for safe use.

"Tanalised E pressure treated wood contains a copper azole base formulation that does not leave any harmful residues in soil or water and poses no risk for use around people, animals, plants and the environment. It is used for structural and decorative timber products for both indoor and outdoor applications to preserve wood against termites, fungal decay and

insect borers," explains Doug Sayce, general manager of Arch Wood Protection.

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