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LOG YARD UPGRADE BENEFITS CUSTOMERS, COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

A project to reseal the Lyttelton Port of Christchurch (LPC) log storage area to create a fit for purpose all-weather log yard in front of Norwich Quay is now complete.

LPC's 15,000 square metre log storage area was upgraded in four stages. The final stage of the project, covering 3,000 square metres at the western end, was completed on schedule last month.

LPC Chief Executive Peter Davie says the project to upgrade the Port's log yard demonstrates the company's ongoing commitment to its customers, the community and environment with all benefitting as a result.

"Our customers have an all-weather even surface within which to safely work and accept the 35 plus trucks on average accessing the site daily," he said.

As a result of the upgrade, logs can now be stored up to 8 metres high increasing the site's overall storage capacity from 10,000jas to 12,000jas (Japanese Agricultural Standard).

"The community benefits through a better level of amenity off Norwich Quay and a significant reduction in dust as a result of the asphalt surface and through the dust suppression system that was installed," said Mr Davie.

"The upgrade offers significant environmental benefits due to the installation of a high quality storm water treatment system which ensures all water contaminates are captured and treated prior to discharge."

The Port's log yard is in an area of high archaeological value and all construction works were subject to an Archaeological Authority issued by Heritage New Zealand.

LPC worked closely with an archaeologist and the Ngati Wheke cultural monitor during excavations to ensure any finds were documented and handled appropriately.

"In all, the project was very challenging from start to finish however we are delighted with the result and the benefits it brings to our customers, community and environment," said Mr Davie.



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