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Illawarra region one of first in Australia to benefit from European Cross Laminated Timber

Illawarra construction company Hyperbuild introduces 'CLT' at 'Watermark' Shellharbour Village

3 November 2016: Following its phenomenal success in Europe, home builders and buyers in the Illawarra will be the first in regional Australia to benefit from the introduction of Cross Laminated Timber [CLT], a new timber construction system that has been a "game changer" in Europe and is now set to revolutionise both residential and commercial building practices locally.

With time, finances and environmental considerations all valuable commodities when planning to build, the introduction of CLT into residential development in the Illawarra by construction company Hyperbuild, is set to be a true game changer for the local industry.

First developed in Switzerland in the 1970s, CLT is a new timber construction system in which large timber panels are craned into place forming the overall structure of the building. It has the unique capacity to work on small and very large projects, and importantly, CLT is a renewable resource and low energy, unlike concrete.

Hyperbuild's highly anticipated 'Waterfront' development in Addison Street, Shellharbour Village, will be the first local residential development to be constructed entirely from CLT.

According to **Hyperbuild Managing Director, Theo Pasialis**, Illawarra home builders and buyers who appreciate a quality product and lifestyle will be attracted to the numerous benefits that CLT offers.

"CLT provides a completely different living experience to that of the traditionally constructed home in Australia today. The benefits are varied and plentiful, including a pleasant, comfortable and stable living climate; high fire resistance and chemical resistance; excellent thermal insulation properties; and reduced construction time which limits costs.

"In environmental terms, CLT is a sustainable choice as it supports the positive effects on climate protection due to the storage of CO² within the timber panels, and it's ecologically sound, produced from sustainable sourced plantation timber."

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Multiple layers of wood are glued together at right angles under extreme pressure to create giant panels to be used as flooring, load bearing walls and ceilings.

CLT is sourced from readily available commercial timbers and through the manufacturing process is given excellent strength to weight ratio. It has the capacity to work on small projects and also very large projects, so it's scalable. It's also flexible on various types of site topography including those with restrictive access.

Hyperbuild is making a significant investment in the Illawarra residential construction industry utilising the benefits of CLT, with construction projects underway in Unanderra, Shellharbour, Shellharbour City Centre, Albion Park, Berkeley, and Oak Flats. For more information about the 'Watermark' development in Shellharbour Village, visit <http://watermarkshellharbour.com.au/>.

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About Hyperbuild

Theo Pasialis founded Hyperbuild in 1998. After working for large commercial construction companies, Theo decided to go out on his own and started working as a developer for small residential projects. The company then grew in size and capability over the years.

With 18 years' experience in residential construction, Hyperbuild provides innovative and out-of-the-box solutions for townhouse and duplex developments. Partnering with a select client base, Hyperbuild aim to transform the way residential dwellings and commercial buildings are constructed in Australia. The company uses a revolutionary construction method that is quick, eco-friendly and cost-effective.

Innovation is at the heart of everything that Hyperbuild does. It is the key to Hyperbuild's vision and the reason for their rapid growth over the years. Innovation is what drives the whole business forward, from their people and culture to their products and processes.

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