



ASX Announcement

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### **Acquisition of The Midland Timber Co – Bellevue (Perth), WA**

Big River Industries Ltd (**ASX: BRI**) advises that it has agreed to acquire the assets and trading business of The Midland Timber Co Pty Ltd (Midland Timber) located at Bellevue, a suburb of Perth in Western Australia. The purchase is subject to certain pre-conditions which are expected to be met.

This continues the expansion of Big River's network into the major population centres of Australia, to directly supply the Trade segment of the building and construction industry. Midland Timber gives Big River an additional footprint in Perth and also provides a strategic positioning in the Perth prefabrication market with Midland Timber operating a small frame and truss plant. This increases the Big River network nationally to 15 sites, including the two major manufacturing facilities in NSW.

Whilst the existing Midland Timber business is focused on supplying building products and prefabricated timber wall frames and roof trusses, predominantly to the Alterations & Additions market, the business provides a useful platform to leverage Big River's position in the commercial and multi-residential segments to further diversify the acquired business over time. Hence this presence will offer an enhanced service and product range for existing Big River clients, while bringing a whole new range of customers and products into the Big River Group.

Midland Timber has a long trading history in the broader Perth market, having been established almost 20 years ago. Sallie Schorer, one of the founders of the business, will remain for a short time to assist with the transition, while the General Manager, Dean Maringoni and all other staff will be retained as part of the move into the Big River Group.

Sales revenue of Midland Timber exceeds \$5m per annum, and solid growth over time can be expected from the widened focus the Big River group will bring to the business. The investment is earnings per share accretive and will be funded through a mixture of cash and shares to help align interests.

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