

PGP, Future Forest Research, Steepland Harvesting Programme Quarterly Summary Report for the Quarter ended September 2012

Measured progress has been made in this programme this quarter. The main achievements in the programme this quarter have been the completion of the first commercial model of the ClimbMax steep slope harvester.

Other substantial projects this quarter include progress towards the construction of the lab-based development platform for tele-operation tree felling machine.

Also this quarter a trial of the grapple carriage prototype and the Innovative Yarding System workshops commenced.

Technical Steering Team and Programme Steering Group meetings also took place and these meetings reviewed progress of the programme and provided project management direction.

The Steepland Harvesting programme aims to reduce steepland harvesting costs by 25 percent, grow harvest machinery manufacture in New Zealand to future-proof the sector and make harvesting jobs safer.