



## TULSAFORM MDO / *Form Work Plywood*

The Tulsa manufacturing plant is located in Concepcion in VIII Region of Chile. Chile is famed for being one of the longest countries in the world, as well as the narrowest. It is made up extreme geographical and climatic conditions with the Atacama Desert in the North; and to the South is the beautiful but cold Tierra Del Fuego. The whole country is lined with the majestic Andes mountain range.

The company was established in 1994 as a joint venture between Chilean & American investors, with the purpose of producing & exporting Radiata Pine veneers and plywood. Tulsa currently produces 90.000 M3 of plywood per year.

Chile is a nation of forests, with over 5.5 million hectares of productive native forests, mainly Nothofagus hardwood species. Pine and Eucalyptus plantations cover 1.8 million hectares with an annual expansion rate of seven to ten percent.

Chile follows sustainable natural resource management practices, and as a result plants more trees than it cuts, thus ensuring their existence in the future as well preserving the quality of the land. Of these plantations 70% have management systems certified by ISO 14001, or are certified according to standards of sustainable forest management such as FSC or PEFC through the Chilean Standard Certforchile. 92% of Chile's plantations have been established

in barren areas and areas without vegetation. This practice recovers land and protects the environment. Although the ratio between natural forest and plantations is seven to one, 89% of wood for processing comes from forest plantation. As TULSA only uses Radiata Pine, which is a total plantation species and not native of Chile, all of its wood is from plantation.

Radiata Pine, botanical name *Pinus Radiata* D. Don is characterized by the Yellowish white color of its wood, with slight color differences between its sapwood and heartwood. The growth rings produce a pronounced appearance. Radiata Pine has adapted so well to the climate of Chile that it grows much faster than in its native country. Today Chile has more than 1.4 million hectares of Radiata Pine plantations which are the basis of Chile's forest industry.

The majority of these plantations are young, which assures substantial volumes of wood products will be available for many years. Because of its fast growth rate, Radiata Pine forests react quickly and favorably to forest management practices which allow the species to be oriented to market needs. These forests are being carefully managed to produce larger diameter logs as well as a higher percentage of knot-free lumber from each tree. Through careful nursery and fertilization techniques, the next generation of Radiata Pine trees will grow even faster and have better yields than ever before.

Radiata Pine is used for a wide variety of structural architectural, and manufacturing needs. Products made from Radiata Pine include windows, doors, mouldings, furniture, timbers, decking, fencing, pallet materials, veneer, plywood, MDF products and particle board.



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