Modification history

| Release | Comments |
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| Release 1 | This version released with FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package Version 2.1. |

| FWPCOT2226 | Debark logs mechanically |
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| Application | This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to debark logs mechanically to a set diameter and length in a saw mill or wood processing plant.  The unit applies to individuals who debark logs using mechanical equipment. Operators generally work under broad direction and take responsibility for their work.  Work health and safety legislation and environment protection legislation applies to workers in the sawmilling and processing industry. Requirements vary between state / territory jurisdictions. |
| Prerequisite Unit | Nil |
| Unit Sector | Core Technical (COT) |

| Elements | Performance Criteria |
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| Elements describe the essential outcomes. | Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. |
| 1. Prepare for debarking | 1.1 Review work order and clarify with appropriate personnel  1.2 Assess type and quantity of logs to be processed by debarker  1.3 Select equipment and check for operational effectiveness  1.4 Plan debarking process in line with site procedures and environmental requirements  1.5 Establish and maintain communication with others in line with work health and safety requirements |
| 2. Debark logs | 2.1 Carry out pre-operational checks on debarker  2.2 Feed material into the machine at the rate prescribed by organisational requirements  2.3 Regularly check and adjust conveyors to maximise feed rate and maintain desired quality and output  2.4 Segregate logs with defects and dispose of in line with site procedures and environmental requirements  2.5 Direct debarked logs to storage in a designated location in line with work order  2.6 Report processing faults to appropriate personnel |
| 3. Conduct operator maintenance | 3.1 Lock-out debarker in line with site procedures  3.2 Conduct visual inspection to identify issues and faults  3.3 Check debarker for blunt of damaged cutters and remove and replace, in line with manufacturer’s specifications  3.4 Deal with blunt or damaged cutters in line with site procedures and environmental requirements  3.5 Record and report debarker operations, faults and maintenance activities |

| Foundation Skills  This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria. | |
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| Skill | Description |
| Learning | * develop knowledge of log species, quality characteristics and defects and product uses |
| Reading | * interpret production plans and site safety and environmental management plans * interpret standard operating procedures and/or manufacturers’ instructions for the operation of debarker |
| Writing | * record operation, production and machine maintenance on paper based or electronic media |
| Oral Communication | * interact verbally with others on site to ensure safe and effective debarking operations |
| Numeracy | * interpret gauges relevant to safe operation of debarker |
| Navigate the world of work | * identify and describe own skills, knowledge and experience within context of job role * understand main tasks, responsibilities and boundaries of own role * operate debarkeraccording to site standard operating procedures, relevant to own responsibilities |
| Interact with others | * use appropriate vocabulary, including technical language directly relevant to role * use modes of communication suitable to purpose to confirm and clarify understanding * communicate and report operational and safety information to on-site personnel |
| Get the work done | * identify and resolve equipment issues and faults * recognise and respond to routine problems * take responsibility for planning, sequencing and prioritising tasks and own workload for efficiency and effective outcomes |

| Unit Mapping Information | | | |
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| Code and title current version | Code and title previous version | Comments | Equivalence status |
| FWPCOT2226 Debark logs mechanically | FWPCOT2226 Debark logs mechanically | Additional Foundation skills identified. Minor changes to Performance Criteria, Performance Evidence and Knowledge Evidence | Equivalent unit |

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| TITLE | Assessment requirements for FWPCOT2226 Debark logs mechanically |
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| Performance Evidence | |
| An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all the elements, performance criteria and foundation skills of this unit. There must be evidence that, on at least one occasion, the individual has:   * safely and effectively operated a mechanical debarker in line with a work order * assessed logs to be debarked for defects that will effect processing * communicated effectively with others in the work area * followed organisational procedures for operating a mechanical debarker * carried out routine maintenance on a mechanical debarker * recorded and reported debarker operations and maintenance activities. | |

| Knowledge Evidence |
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| An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:   * workplace procedures for operating a mechanical debarker * environmental protection requirements and safe disposal of waste * characteristics of trees and timber defects that can cause processing problems * communication protocols to maintain safety * processes for managing risks and hazards associated with debarking logs * work health and safety requirements and emergency evacuation procedures * procedures for recording and reporting operation and machine maintenance records. |

| Assessment Conditions |
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| Assessment of this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:   * physical conditions: * skills must be demonstrated in a log processing facility or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions * resources, equipment and materials: * mechanical debarker * logs to be debarked * personal protective equipment * specifications: * access to organisational policies and procedure for operating a mechanical debarker * access to site emergency procedure.     Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. |

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