PGP Steepland Harvesting Programme Quarterly Report Summary, July to September 2011

The first quarter of the 2011-12 financial year has seen continued good progress.

Of particular note is the completion of the steep slope feller buncher which will be ready for commissioning trials in late 2011.

Development work on the steep slope feller buncher focused on costs and benefits of self-levelling and operator comfort.

Other significant progress to note was a technical paper assessing the operator field of view and orientation of the machine, the completion of development plans for an advanced hauler vision system and a remote control for the grapple control system.

Two technology reports were completed covering anti-rollover systems, engine fuel efficiency and the use of motor oil as fuel.