

PGP Steepland Harvesting Programme.
Quarterly Report Summary, October to December 2012

This Quarter has seen steady progress with completion of both the commercial model of the ClimbMAX steep slope harvester and the Cutover Camera System for improved hauler vision.

The ClimbMAX machine undertook field based trials during this quarter and they demonstrated that the harvester met all of the operational parameters and performance standards of the project.

Analysis of the cable rigging configurations got underway to assess productivity improvements, cable tensions and fuel consumption.

A technical paper examining the feasibility, costs and benefits of mechanised delimbing on slopes is also in progress.