

## New conveyor system for ABC

The Australian Banana Company in Innisfail approached IBS Engineering seeking assistance to upgrade their packing and sorting methods from a manual system to a structured, controlled process. ABC identified the need to address wage issues and labour and skills shortages.

A new conveyor system was designed by Visy Board in conjunction with ABC in 1999, which helped ABC achieve its goal of a systemised production process and enabled them to break daily output records.

The system is high quality, low maintenance and allows better control of carton flow throughout packing sheds, which increases productivity and efficiency.

Australian Banana Company operations manager Craig Hunter said their previous system was about 10 years old and needed upgrading to address some flaws.

"We wanted to create an additional accumulation line for our cartons," he said.

"IBS came up with a solution that was very successful and allowed us to save considerable time in operations.

"The new conveyor system lets us process the final product at a faster rate and has made our labour more consistent.

"We had a very short timeline for installation, which IBS achieved. They have always been very co-operative."

IBS's conveyor system is now being used by numerous banana companies and the pineapple industry throughout Innisfail and the Atherton Tableland. IBS's closest competitor manufacturing this level of conveyor systems is in Sydney.

Their conveyor systems are durable, long-lasting and are designed in 3D for perusal before manufacture.

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