



Relocation creates jobs

Innovative Innisfail Engineering company IBS Engineering Supplies is gearing up for a relocation to a new purpose-built site and the launch of the IBS Centre of Engineering Innovation set for late August.

IBS managing director Bill Seawright says the move will benefit both the company and the community.

"The relocation will provide more job opportunities and restore confidence in the area after the devastation caused by Cyclone Larry," he says.

While the move is only two blocks away from its site in Edith St, the new site in Palmerston Drive will allow the company to double its floor size and increase its retail product range.

This significant milestone will facilitate the development of the IBS Centre of Engineering Innovation, designed to focus the company's already unique talents and services and allow it to become a leader in engineering research, development and innovation.

The company, which employs 28 staff, is the driving force behind the design and production of high-quality agricultural and industrial equipment. It has been recognised for its innovative ideas over the years and won a number of awards.

Local Innisfail farmers approached IBS a few years ago to develop a mechanical harvester for the banana industry.

It researched and developed the concept further using its innovation and design systems.

Kanga Australia has taken the concept to the next level and is manufacturing a



Business leader. IBS Engineering Supplies designs high-quality agricultural and industrial equipment.

market-ready product. "Banana farmers have been reaping the benefits, including improved productivity and less fruit damage due to automatic harvesting as opposed to manual handling," Mr Seawright says.

Another major achievement has been the design and manufacture of a conveyor system utilised by the Australian Banana Company in Innisfail.

The company was approached by the Australian Banana Company which sought assistance upgrading its packing and sorting methods from a manual system to a structured, controlled process.

"A new conveyor system was designed by Visy Board in conjunction with the ABC in 1999, helping the ABC achieve its goal

of a systemised production process and enabling it to break daily output records," Mr Seawright says.

The IBS system was implemented at the *Townsville Bulletin* about six months ago and according to North Queensland Newspapers group production manager Peter Bull, they are very happy with the results.

"We needed a custom-designed conveyor system to handle newspapers," Mr Bull says. "IBS came up with lots of solutions and options for us at competitive prices. IBS offers a very good service, great follow-up and they are great people to deal with."

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