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FOREWORD

This Brunei Darussalam Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Timber under the authority of the Standards Committee, Ministry of Development.

This standard was published with the nomenclature of common timbers reviewed in accordance to the current needs of the local building industry.

This standard list the names of the common timbers used in Brunei Darussalam with references to the botanical identity and also the uses of the timber. Other names that are also applicable to the timber's standard name is listed for cross reference. However, it cannot be claimed that these nomenclature are exhaustive.

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0 INTRODUCTION

Timber nomenclature is confusing as there can be more than one name available for each timber. These names can be derived from the local vernacular names applied to the trees themselves, or from commercial trade names. This is further compounded by the fact that timber are often derived from more than one species, and therefore, bear more than one local vernacular name. While these vernacular names are perfectly acceptable when applied to the trees from which these timbers are derived, they would only create confusion if all of them were to be applied to the timbers. In a timber-rich country such as Brunei Darussalam, where there are literally thousands of timber producing trees available, it would be almost impossible to conduct cohesive trading if all these timbers were to be sold by their vernacular names. However, it is fortunate that while the differences between species are very apparent among the trees, the timber produced from closely related species are often not distinguishable. Therefore, for trading purposes, these closely related species are sold under one trade name.

In order to streamline the nomenclature of the timbers in the market, and to avoid confusion created by the myriad of names such timbers have, it is felt that a standard document stating the Standard Trade Names will be useful, especially as a reference work to settle any dispute that may arise. This standard establishes the Standard Trade names of the commercial timbers found in Brunei Darussalam.

Since Brunei Darussalam is a nett importer of sawn timber, many foreign timbers are found in the local market. Besides the utility timbers imported to augment the supply of local timbers, would famous timbers such as Teak and Maple are often imported for speciality uses. Therefore, it is felt that the inclusion of the more commonly imported timbers will enhance the usefulness of this document.

To further increase the working value of this document, other information such as some common uses and other trade names which the timbers are known in other countries are provided. It is hoped that with such extra information, this document will be a more complete reference document.

In preparing this standard, reference has been made of the following documents:

1. Nomenclature And Uses of Commercial Timbers Of Malaysia (First Revision); Malaysian Standard MS: 229 : 1988. Standard and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia.
2. Nomenclature of Commercial Timber; Singapore Standard 71 : 1972. Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research
3. Properties and Uses of the Common Timbers of Brunei Darussalam (1988); Timber Information Series No. 2. Forestry Department, Brunei Darussalam.
4. A Dictionary of Malaysian Timbers (1982); Malayan Forest Records No. 30. Forest Research Institute of Malaysia.
5. Master List of ASEAN Timbers (1974); Forest Research Institute of Malaysia.