

Project:

Simplot Australia

Building Type: Commercial

Location: Echuca, Victoria

Simplot Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of the J R Simplot Company. The Simplot Company was founded by JR (Jack) Simplot in the 1930's. From the humble beginnings of Idahoan potato farming, J R Simplot Company is now a multinational food and agri-business. Simplot Australia was founded in 1995 when the J R Simplot Company acquired some of Australia's favourite food brand businesses including Edgell, Chiko, Birds Eye, Harvest and Leggo's.

Objective

This was to bring daylight into this purpose-built warehouse facility, increasing both the quality of light, and improving the general working environment.

Reducing operating costs through energy savings, was however, the primary objective. This is in keeping with the Simplot Australia commitment to an energy efficient and sustainable operation.

Solution

Solatube Daylighting Systems would ultimately exceed the expectations of the client. A total of 33 Solatube Daylighting Systems were used to provide a combination of ambient and task illumination.

This installation in the 68 metre by 64 metre building, with a 6.75 metre ceiling with no natural light, has not only created a natural light working environment, but without electric lights generating heat, a cooler environment has also been created.

Both staff and visitors are taken by the fact that the illumination is daylight, not electric light. The end result is an example of how natural light can be incorporated into any building type.

Products used

- 33 x 750DS Solatube Daylighting Systems

Testimonial

"Simplot Australia is committed to continual improvement in the area of energy efficiency, and opportunities to harness sunlight using Solatube Daylighting Systems to illuminate our factory and reduce electric lighting loads is a clear winner".

Graham Bryant
Project Manager Energy Efficiency
Simplot Australia.



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