Glossary

DECAY - rot or decomposition of timber through the action of insects and or fungi.

DEFECT - An imperfection that lowers the timber quality

GRAIN - Character of wood as revealed by touch or reaction to cutting tools. It is determined by the distribution and size of the various cells.

WANE - Original rounded surface of a log, with or without the bark, which occurs on any face or edge.

WANEY-EDGED - Sawn timber having parallel faces and with one or both edges left unsown so that the bark or irregular surface is retained. Also called un-edged