

**PROPERTIES OF ORIENTED STRANDS BOARD MANUFACTURE FROM
SAPPIUM BACCATUM AT DIFFERENT RESIN CONTENT**

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Oriented Strand Board (OSB) is a new type of wood composite , which is yet to be commercially produced in Malaysia or South East Asia region . It is made from long ,thin ,and narrow wood strands bonded by resin and converted into a solid panel during the hot pressing operation. In this study , the wood strands oriented parallel to each other in each layer . Standard OSB normally consist of three layers in which each layer is perpendicular to another . In some cases ,the OSB can also can be produced in five or seven layers depending on type of application . Unlike plywood , OSB normally manufactured using small diameters logs regardless of any wood species . This type of board is considered an engineered product with great strength and dimensionally stables . This paper discusses the feasibility of using ludai spp (*sappium baccatum*) obtain from reserve forest of UiTM Jengka branch . The study showed that the OSB made at density,600 kg/m³ with different resin content (3%, 5% ,7%) . Base on the physical and mechanical strength of OSB , it is expected that this type of wood based panel product may have a good potential to supplement the current shortage of plywood application in the future .