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A3P PARTNERS GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO COMBAT ILLEGAL LOGGING

A3P has endorsed a global industry leadership statement addressing illegal logging alongside industry leaders representing 20 countries at the International Council of Forest and Paper Associations (ICFPA) meeting in Shanghai today.

Representing Australia's \$4 billion plantation products and paper industry, A3P CEO Mr Neil Fisher said, "The statement commits ICFPA members to measures including only purchasing legally sourced wood and fibre and promoting forest certification as a tool to verify legality and demonstrate sustainability.

"A3P is the only Australian national organisation to have developed member guidelines on stopping the supply of illegally logged forest products into Australia. Our guidelines provide our member companies with a practical framework for demonstrating legality and control within their supply chains

"Illegally logged forest products compete in the market against the products of Australia's plantation products and paper industry companies - companies who meet the highest standards of environmental and corporate performance.

"The ICFPA meeting provides an ideal opportunity to learn from international experience, highlight Australia's successes on sustainable plantation management, and share our guidelines on illegal logging with the global forest and paper industry", said Mr Fisher.

ICFPA members include trade associations representing 43 countries and the majority of the world's pulp, paper and wood production.

Mr Fisher is the Australian representative on the ICFPA. His involvement is a clear demonstration of A3P's continuing commitment to proactively addressing cross-sectoral issues covering the plantations, wood products and paper industry.

Mr Fisher was recently appointed to the Advisory Committee on Paper and Wood Products (ACPWP), a statutory body within the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO).

Download A3P's illegal logging guidelines from www.a3p.asn.au.

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