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Dr Robert Evans Awarded CSIRO Fellowship

The Australian Plantation Products and Paper Industry Council (A3P) and Forest and Wood Products Australia (FWPA) congratulate Dr Roberts Evans on being awarded a prestigious CSIRO Fellowship for world class developments in wood quality assessment technology.

Dr Evans was awarded the Fellowship for his invention and application of SilviScan technology, a system of instruments that has revolutionized high-speed non-destructive wood quality assessment.

The technology is applied worldwide across disciplines of genomics, tree breeding, silviculture, ecophysiology and forest product modeling.

FWPA Managing Director Dr Glen Kile said, "Silviscan is the gold standard for rapid automated measurement of wood properties. The technology has allowed Australian industry to be a leader in improving wood properties in plantation resources.

"FWPA has been pleased to support the development of the third generation of the technology. Silviscan has also been used in number of FWPA projects conducted for industry involving the assessment of wood properties particularly in softwoods but also for plantation hardwoods".

A3P CEO Mr Neil Fisher said, "Dr Evans is a great asset to CSIRO and Australia's international research reputation in the area of wood quality assessment.

"A3P supports the continued investment in research and development which is essential for the future viability and competitiveness of Australia's plantation products and paper industry", he said.

The CSIRO Fellowship is a merit-based award given to scientists who have demonstrated eminence in their field.

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