



A3P, AFG and TIMA joint media release: 28/04/2008 – For immediate release

## A3P, AFG & TIMA come together to strengthen working relationships

Leading forest industry bodies A3P, Australian Forest Growers (AFG) and the Treefarm Investment Managers Association (TIMA) have this week made a spirited move towards re-affirming working relationships and achieving common industry goals by moving the three organisations under the one roof at 29 Torrens Street Braddon, Canberra.

Representing the Australian Plantation Products and Paper Industry Council, A3P CEO, Mr Neil Fisher, said “The move will strengthen the already existing collaborative working relationship between the three organisations.

“It will also promote free-flowing conversation to improve a directed approach to achieve common industry goals relating to Climate Change, the National water management policy, and implementation of the national plantations strategy, *Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision.*”

Warwick Ragg, Chief Executive of AFG, which represents the private forest growing sector, including farm foresters, said AFG is pleased with the move, reaffirming its existing alliance with A3P.

TIMA represents the interests of the managed plantation timber investments sector (the management companies and their investors). Chief Executive, Alan Cummine, said “TIMA is excited to acknowledge, through this move, the strong working relationship we currently have with A3P and AFG, and we look forward to enhancing our shared working approach with these two organisations.”

Mr Fisher said, “A3P and AFG currently hold a signed MOU on our shared approach to policy advocacy.

“A3P and AFG are also currently working towards signing an MOU with TIMA to further improve cohesive policy development and change reflected in various tax legislation and corporations laws, and to monitor the activities and performance of the primary regulators of the plantation forestry investments sector.”

A3P, which is dedicated to improving working relations for the good of common industry goals, also hold a signed MOU with Timber Queensland, which formalises their joint position on a range of national policy issues such as climate change, emissions trading and structural timber.

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