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New and Experienced Leadership Team for A3P



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Linda Sewell, Chief Executive Officer of HVP Plantations, has been elected as the new Chairperson of A3P (the Australian Plantation Products and Paper Industry Council) following the Council's AGM yesterday. She replaces Kim Creak who has led A3P as its Chair for the past two years.

Ms Sewell has broad experience and understanding of the plantation products and paper industry, over more than one sector. She is the current CEO of HVP Plantations, one of Australia's largest privately owned plantation managers and has previously worked for Carter Holt Harvey, Australasia's largest wood products company, as the founding CEO for the company's laminated veneer lumber products division.

"As my first duty as A3P Chair I am pleased to announce the Board has confirmed Richard Stanton as Chief Executive Officer of A3P effective immediately," Ms Sewell said.

"I am looking forward to working with Richard and his team to continue to promote the environmental and economic benefits of a thriving and united Australian plantation products and paper industry."

Mr Stanton has worked for A3P since its formation in 2004 and has held the Chief Executive Officer position in an acting capacity for the last two months. He has extensive experience in, and knowledge of, forest and wood products industry organisations and issues. He has degrees in forestry and business and has been involved in virtually all aspects of forest and wood products policy for the past twenty years in various roles with the NSW and Commonwealth Governments, the Australian Paper Industry Council, the Plantation Timber Association of Australia and the National Association of Forest Industries.

At yesterday's AGM, nominations were also considered for vacant director positions arising through director rotation, in accordance with A3P's constitution.

Following the vote of the members, the A3P Board of Directors is confirmed as follows:

Ms Linda Sewell, CEO HVP Plantations, Chair
Mr John Hayden, CEO AKD Softwoods, Deputy Chair
Mr Sonny Colerio, Group General Manager Paper and Board Division Amcor
Mr Peter Chrisp, Regional President, Norske Skog Australasia
Mr Marcus Derham, CEO Willmott Forests
Mr Brian Farmer, Chief Executive Forestry SA
Mr Stephen Hawkins, Corporate & Government Relations Manager, Australian Paper
Mr Hans Kobes, General Manager Highland Pine Products,
Mr Jim Snelson, CEO Carter Holt Harvey Wood Products Australia

"I would like to thank outgoing Chairman, Kim Creak for his contribution as A3P Chair of the past two years, and also acknowledge the contribution of outgoing directors

Milo Foster and Jim Henneberry.” Ms Sewell said. “The new Board of Directors provides strong leadership for A3P with a very broad experience base which will serve our industry well as we move forward.”

Following the appointment of Richard Stanton to CEO, the A3P Board has committed to the recruitment of further staff to A3P to ensure that the organisation can continue to serve its members’ interests on key national policy issues including: climate change, emissions trading, forest management certification, water policy, biosecurity and the many issues that impact the competitiveness of Australian timber and paper products in domestic and international markets.

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