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## FWPA appoints new MD

Forest and Wood Products Australia has announced the appointment of Ric Sinclair as new Managing Director, taking the helm from Dr Glen Kile from June 2, 2008.

Mr Sinclair has a Bachelor of Forestry and Masters of Business Administration. He comes to FWPA from his current position as Manager, Water Harvesting at Origin Energy.

Announcing the appointment, FWPA Chairman Ron Adams said Mr Sinclair's technical, business and marketing experience will be of great value with the inclusion of promotion as part of FWPA's charter."

"We are confident Mr Sinclair will be an excellent successor to Glen Kile, and that he can help FWPA deliver value for the Australian forest and wood products industry. I would like to thank Dr Kile for his contribution during the past six years to the Forest and Wood Products Research and Development Corporation (FWPRDC), and the transition to FWPA. He has also agreed to assist Mr Sinclair and FWPA over the coming months leading up to the first FWPA Annual General Meeting to be held in early October," Mr Adams said.

Mr Sinclair has a Bachelor of Science (Forestry) from the Australian National University and Masters of Business Administration from the University of British Columbia, Canada. He worked in the forestry industry in Canada for five years before returning to Australia, as an economic and policy analyst for the National Association of Forest Industry in 1992. He then became marketing manager of office papers, including the Reflex brand, for Amcor/PaperlinX Ltd.

More recently he has worked with the publicly listed horticultural grower and processor company Chiquita Brands as business development manager, and as a business strategy consultant before joining KH Foods in 2003, where he was responsible for a number of strategic initiatives.