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Forest & Wood Products Australia Appoints Three New Directors

Forest & Wood Products Australia Limited (FWPA), the industry owned services company appointed three new directors at its inaugural Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 8th October.

The AGM was host to over 70 industry representatives from a cross section of the forest and wood product sectors, highlighting the support and interest in FWPA's operations.

After a unanimous decision by the members present, Board Chairman Ron Adams said the calibre of the new directors reflected the increasingly important role of FWPA in providing services and resources to the Australian industry.

The three new non-executive directors are Mr Nick Roberts, Mr Vince Erasmus, and Mr Jim Snelson. Nick Roberts, CEO of Forests NSW has extensive experience in all major sectors of the forest products industry including pulp and paper, saw milling and plantation and native forest operations, the last 20 years in senior management roles. Mr Roberts has filled a temporary vacancy as a Director of FWPA since late 2007.

Vince Erasmus, CEO of ITC Limited, is a qualified forester and experienced sawmiller, with extensive skills and expertise in management of both softwood and hardwood operations in South Africa and Australia as well as broad experience in the solid wood-processing environment.

Jim Snelson is an experienced business leader and CEO of Carter Holt Harvey Wood Products, He brings extensive strategic business restructuring and market development skills gained over more than 20 years.

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About Forest and Wood Products Australia

FWPA aims to improve the competitiveness and sustainability of the Australian forest and wood products industry through innovation by investing in effective and relevant R&D and promotion of the industry's products, services and values. FWPA undertakes industry-level activities where a collective approach delivers more effective and valuable commercial outcomes than individual action. We deliver services that support the industry's capacity as a major exporter and mainstay of regional communities in many parts of Australia.