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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Placement of Willmott Forests Limited shares

Willmott Forests Limited today announced it has raised \$8.7million via a placement of 6.35 million fully paid ordinary shares to institutional and professional investors at \$1.37c per share.

The placement was undertaken by Grange Securities to a range of institutions which has assisted the company's strategy in broadening the shareholder base.

The proceeds of the placement will be used to expand the company's operations via the purchase of new land for plantation development, funding working capital requirements of its sawmilling operations and creating a surplus for future opportunities.

The new shares to be issued under the placement will rank equally with existing ordinary shares on issue and application for quotation on the ASX will be made shortly.

The part of the placement that is outside the limits under ASX Listing Rules 7.1 will be ratified at the Annual General Meeting to be held in late October 2003.

About Willmott Forests

Willmott Forests Limited (WFL) is an integrated forestry company that produces a wide range of landscape and structural timber products from its sawmill and softwood processing operations in Bombala NSW.

A Quality Endorsed Company with net assets in excess of \$46 million, WFL manages over 14,000 hectares of commercial plantations on behalf of more than 1,000 individual growers. The majority of these plantations are located in south-east NSW and north-east Victoria in an area known as the Bombala Supply Zone. WFL has been operating in this region since 1982.

For the year ending 30 June 2003, it achieved \$19.3 million in sales, a 176% increase on the previous year's results. WFL declared a fully franked dividend of 3.255 cents per share, paid on 1 July 2003.

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