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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT**Placement of Willmott Forests Limited shares**

Willmott Forests Limited today announced it has raised \$12.86 million via a placement of 7.568 million fully paid ordinary shares to institutional and professional investors at \$1.70c 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 to sustain the growth of our Woodlot sales and for general working capital.

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.

About Willmott Forests

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

A Quality Endorsed Company, with total assets in excess of \$250 million Willmott Forests manages over 24,000 hectares of commercial softwood plantations on behalf of more than 2,500 individual growers. The majority of these plantations are located in south-east New South Wales and north-east Victoria.

Over the last 10 years Willmott Forests has delivered sustained growth in excess of 15% per annum in the key areas of Woodlot sales, plantation resources, assets and profit.

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