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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

PLANT

Willmott Forests reports another strong full year result**NPAT up by 57%****3¢ per ordinary share dividend declared**

MANAGE

Willmott Forests Limited (ASX: WFL) is pleased to announce that its consolidated results for the year ended 30 June 2005 were highlighted by a 56% increase in revenue and a 57% increase in NPAT.

Willmott Forests recorded NPAT of \$13.1 million from total revenue of \$70.5 million compared to the previous corresponding period of \$8.4 million and \$45.3m respectively.

HARVEST

The company's Dealer Network delivered higher Woodlot sales from a broader base. Woodlot sales rose by 18% to \$42.1 million. Of this new revenue \$7.1 million has been recognised as income in FY2005 and the balance of \$35.0 million has been carried forward to FY2006 (FY2005: \$30.3 million).

PROCESS

Willmott Forests Chief Executive Officer Mr Marcus Derham said: "This has been another good year for Willmott Forests where we have now established our position as the largest developer of newly established softwood plantations in Australia with our 2005 Woodlot sales facilitating a further 6,000 hectares of valuable long-rotation softwood plantation resource."

SUPPLY

Assets are now in excess of \$250 million, an increase of 47% in comparison to the previous year, underpinning the company's strong balance sheet.

The Directors have today declared a final dividend of 3¢ per ordinary share to be paid on 20 September 2005 with a record date of 6 September 2005 which equates to an overall dividend payout of 6¢ per ordinary share, up by 2¢ per ordinary share on the previous year.

"We intend to continue to expand our softwood plantation resources under management and to deliver even better efficiencies from our in-field forestry operations, in order to produce a diverse range of quality softwood timber products and finished goods for the Australian market." Mr Derham said.

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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 NSW 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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