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COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

Half Year Result

Willmott Forests Limited (ASX: WFL) reported a Net Profit After Tax of \$9.57 million for the period ended 31 December 2009 (HY2010) which represents an increase of 130% over the corresponding period last year.

Key financial indicators

Key financial indicators in comparison to the previous corresponding period are as follows:-

Key Indicator	HY2010	HY2009	Variance
Revenue	\$40.2	\$44.0m	-9%
NPAT	\$9.6m	\$4.2m	+130%
EPS	10.18cps	6.97cps	+46%
Net Assets	\$161.3m	\$107.9m	+49%
Issued Shares	59.6m	142.4m	+139%
NTA	\$1.13	\$1.79	-37%

Willmott Forests CEO, Mr Marcus Derham said, *"The Company has continued to trade profitably during one of the most difficult trading periods experienced in the sector. Our sound and conservative approach and long track record in the market over many years has held us in good stead."*

Income recognition

Willmott Forests' income recognition of FY2009 Woodlot sales revenue is as follows:-

FY2009 Woodlot sales revenue	\$66.5m
Revenue recognised in FY2009	\$17.9m
Revenue carried forward to FY2010	\$48.6m
Revenue recognised in HY2010	\$20.3m
FY09 remaining revenue to be recognised in FY2010	\$28.3m

Declaration of dividends

Declaration of ordinary dividend (ASX:WFL)

Willmott Forests has declared an interim dividend from the profits of FY2010 of 2 cents per ordinary share fully franked payable on 31 March 2010.

The record date for determining entitlements is 10 March 2010. The ex-dividend date is 3 March 2010. To be entitled to a dividend, shareholders must have purchased shares before the ex-dividend date and ensure that these shares are settled by the record date.

The Company operates a Dividend Reinvestment Plan to provide shareholders with a choice of reinvesting their dividends in new securities. There is no discount to the prevailing market price for the issue of these new securities.

Declaration of PINES dividend (ASX: WFLPA)

Willmott Forests has declared a dividend of \$3.50 per security fully franked on the Perpetual Income Exchangeable Securities (PINES) payable on 31 March 2010 in accordance with the terms of issue.

The record date for determining entitlements is 16 March 2010. The ex-dividend date is 10 March 2010. To be entitled to a dividend, PINES holders must have purchased PINES before the ex-dividend date and ensure that these securities are settled by the record date.

2010 Product update

Willmott Forests' 2010 offering, the Willmott Forests Premium Forestry Blend - 2010 Project, will open for subscriptions in the next few weeks. The widely anticipated product builds on the successful diversified 2009 Premium Forestry Blend Project with multiple income streams and additional key investor protections.

About Willmott Forests

Willmott Forests is an integrated forestry company established in 1979 that plants, manages, harvests, processes and supplies plantation timber products for domestic and export markets. Willmott Forests manages 53,000 hectares of commercial plantations throughout New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland on behalf of more than 6,000 growers with forestry funds under management exceeding \$400m.

Willmott Forests' timber processing facility in Bombala, NSW is operated under a 50:50 Joint Venture with Dongwha, a global manufacturer of wood materials. A wide range of timber products are manufactured from plantation softwood at the Bombala site which - underpinned by a 20 year wood supply agreement with the NSW Government - is being redeveloped. The new complex is anticipated to be commissioned in 2011 with full production achieved by 2012.

Willmott Energy, a division of Willmott Forests, is focussed on expanding into value added forest products in an environmentally positive way. Its' current interests include converting wood fibre to 'cellulosic' ethanol, the use of biomass in renewable fuel markets and the development of carbon sequestration opportunities.

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