



Media Statement

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Environmental Forest Farms Management Limited: *Trial Harvest*

Environmental Forest Farms Management Limited (“EFFM” or “the Company”) has recently begun the first trial harvest of Paulownia timber in Western Australia. The harvest took place at the Company’s Research Plantation in Nowergup, with the harvested Paulownia trees having trunks of between 5 and 7 years of age.

The harvest represents a significant milestone for the Company, as it is the first thinning of the plantation since it was planted in 1997. The timber extracted from the plantation has been milled and is currently in the process of being dried.

The Company intends to use the resultant timber for a variety of uses including furniture, blind slats, veneers, decorative mouldings and a variety of samples for marketing purposes. The Company is confident that the trial harvest will assist it to establish markets for the future timber that is being produced at Nowergup and at the Kiri Park Plantation.

By thinning the plantation, EFFM plans to capitalise on giving the trees more room to grow, which should allow the remaining trees to achieve higher growth rates. EFFM has established *Permanent Sample Plots* to monitor the growth of the remaining trees until the final harvest.

Thinning the plantation is a standard practice in Paulownia plantations and will occur at the Kiri Park Projects in the future. Knowledge and skills that are gained from this trial harvest will be translated into the management practices that are implemented at the Kiri Park Plantation, where EFFM has over 155,000 Paulownia trees under management, which were planted through three Managed Investment Schemes for over 500 Growers. The Kiri Park Property also has a private plantation which is managed and operated by EFFM for the Land Owner.

The Nowergup Research Plantation has been invaluable to the management of Kiri Park over the past 5 years. Improved silvicultural practices have been trialed, monitored and researched at Nowergup, with the successful techniques and practices being implemented at Kiri Park.

EFFM is currently finalising the documentation for its latest Managed Investment at the Kiri Park Plantation. To register your interest for the next Kiri Park Project, visit the website at www.kiripark.com.au/ausinvestor, email EFFM at admin@kiripark.com.au or contact their office on (+618) 9227 8422.

The EFF Group

The EFF Group of Companies is one of Australia’s leading Paulownia organisations with experience in the establishment, plantation management, research and propagation of Paulownia trees. The Group own and operate several Paulownia plantations in Western Australia, including four Managed Investment Projects, and three private plantations.