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ITC models environmental credentials for Australian Forestry

Mr. Ockert Le Roux, General Manager Forestry of ITC Limited (ITC), today announced a further increase in ITC's certified plantation estate under the prestigious internationally recognised Forestry Stewardship Council (FSC) certification program.

"I am delighted to announce for World Forestry Day that ITC has further strengthened our position as Australia's leader in commercial sustainable forestry products with the certification of our Western Australian plantations under the FSC forest management standard," Mr Le Roux said.

"FSC certification is internationally recognised as the highest level of environmental certification available for forestry in the world and it assures customers and investors that timber products they purchase or invest in are sourced from responsibly managed forests," Mr Le Roux said.

"In addition to ITC Forestry achieving the highest standards of environmental excellence through FSC certification, ITC's Timber processing operation's GoodWood and SUPALAM product range have been certified in accordance with AS 4707-2006 Chain of Custody within the Australian Forest Certification Scheme (AFS), strengthening our environmental credentials for timber processing."

Leading conservation organisation WWF-Australia, with whom ITC has a corporate partnership, congratulated ITC.

WWF Director of Conservation, Ray Nias, said "ITC was one of the first Australian forestry companies to secure the prestigious Forest Stewardship Council (or FSC) certification for its plantations in southern Australia. We are delighted to see ITC's FSC certification extended to cover its Western Australian plantations. WWF encourages every Australian forestry company to pursue FSC certification."

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