

Press Release

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ALLIED NATURAL WOOD EXPORTS (ANWE) TO BUY SEFE at Eden NSW.

After 45 years of operations, South East Fibre Exports at Eden in south east New South Wales will be sold to a new Australian owned company Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty Ltd.

Allied Natural Wood Exports (ANWE) is a new world class wood products marketing and logistics company that will sell certified natural and plantation grown wood products from public and private growers to the international market. Drawing on a wealth of international marketing experience, ANWE has agreed to meet the existing chip export supply agreements which run to 2018 however their ultimate goal is to enhance and improve the way that Australian wood product exports are managed and marketed.

Spokesman for Allied Natural Wood Exports local forester, Mr Rob de Fégely says that ANWE will be partnering with Australian Marshalling Services Pty Ltd, an established Australian logistics business, which has been operating at Eden and in the surrounding region for nearly 20 years.

ANWE will take ownership of South East Fibre Exports on the 23rd of December 2015.

All the SEFE staff and contractors have been notified of the sale and a number of new positions in line with the longer term objectives of the company will be offered to both the staff and the harvesting and haulage contractors. ANWE's goal is to grow the business with the objective of creating a range of sustainable economic opportunities for the region.

Local resident and experienced forest industry operator Mr Kel Henry has been appointed General Manager of ANWE.

In the longer term ANWE sees hardwood and softwood plantation development, new wood processing technology and innovation as the key strategies for their future and they will be actively exploring these new opportunities to develop their business along the far south coast of New South Wales and throughout eastern Victoria.

In concluding the sale, ANWE would like to acknowledge the positive contribution of the current and previous owners of SEFE to the Eden and the regional forest community.

ANWE is committed to the growth of the business and looks forward to working with all stakeholders including Forestry Corporation of NSW, Vic Forests, harvesting and haulage contractors, employees, local councils and local businesses and the Eden community in general.

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