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IN THE MATTER OF WILLMOTT FORESTS LIMITED (RECEIVERS AND MANAGERS APPOINTED) (IN LIQUIDATION) (ACN 063 263 650)

WILLMOTT FORESTS LIMITED (RECEIVERS AND MANAGERS APPOINTED) (IN LIQUIDATION) (ACN 063 263 650) IN ITS CAPACITY AS RESPONSIBLE ENTITY OF THE MANAGED INVESTMENT SCHEMES LISTED IN SCHEDULE 2 AND IN ITS CAPACITY AS MANAGER OF THE UNREGISTERED SCHEMES LISTED IN SCHEDULES 3 AND 4 AND ORS ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE 1

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This is the exhibit marked "CDC-8" now produced and shown to CRAIG DAVID CROSBIE at the time of swearing his affidavit on 13 December 2011.

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Exhibit "CDC-8" **Email correspondence between WGG** and proposed purchaser



From: Phil Stelling [mailto:Phil.Stelling@gfplp.com] **Sent**: Wednesday, November 30, 2011 06:18 PM

To: Craig Crosbie

Subject: FW: Willmott Forests

Hi Craig.. further to your earlier note to Michael and me re WGG wanting to talk to GFP.

Michael had Paul Challis acting for WGG contact him direct (see below). After some consideration we decided that the response set out in Michael's email below was appropriate at the present time. I'm forwarding this to you for your information only.

Please call me if you'd like to discuss Craig.

Regards, Phil

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From: Michael Edgar

Sent: Tuesday, 29 November 2011 5:32 p.m.

To: Paul Challis

Cc: Michael Edgar (michael.edgar@gfplp.com)

Subject: RE: Willmott Forests

Paul,

Thanks for your prior email following our phone conversation.

I have spent some time thinking through the points you raised in our call and in your email below but I have concluded that I do not feel there is any reason to discuss together the WGG interests at this time. GFP has not signed any contract with either the Liquidator or the Receiver for the Willmott Group. Furthermore as I said on the phone to you GFP acquires and manages plantation forests across a number of countries on behalf of a select group of very large pension funds, endowments funds and very high net worth parties. We deal exclusively at a global wholesale level and our management activities are structured accordingly.

I believe it is best to let the current processes, which are being managed by the Receiver and Liquidator, complete their natural courses of action and for the WGG to consider their position after the outcome of those various processes are known. The WGG can then consider the costs over the coming years of holding their tree interests until harvest, their approach to marketing a one-time harvest parcel, the net stumpage from that parcel and whether the overall net return is satisfactory relative to the obvious risks of owning part of a plantation and the alternative investment they could make if they sold their plantation tree interests now.

Kind regards,
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From: Paul Challis [mailto:paul.challis@redisland.com]

Sent: Monday, 21 November 2011 7:35 p.m.

To: Michael Edgar

Subject: Willmott Forests

Hi Michael

Further to the earlier email with contact details and our conversation regarding Willmott, I confirm that I represent the Willmott Growers Group (WGG) whose Growers hold significant interests in the 1995-1999 project along with four unregistered partnerships in 1993 and 1994.

As we discussed, we have been in discussions with the Liquidator (PPB) regarding the options that exist for our group to work with any potential purchaser of the estate however, we are of the view that these comments are not being extended to the preferred bidder. The sort of options we have indicated include:

- The opportunity for the bidder to manage the trees for growers;
- The opportunity for the bidder to have marketing rights to the timber;
- The opportunity for the bidder to purchase the land from Growers in the event that Growers become the eventual owner of the land; and
- The opportunity for the bidder to purchase the interests of those Growers who wish to exit the Project prior to clearfell.

PPB is well aware of our position and our intention to defend the Growers interest in these schemes and have acknowledged to us that we have an arguable position.

Obviously, the current structure of a MIS complicates the overall proposal in the short term and we would consider restructuring the project in the future in order to achieve a more efficient operating structure.

I look forward to your return phone call

Regards

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