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SEFE sale represents a vote of confidence in the national forest industry

The Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) has welcomed the announcement that South East Fibre Exports (SEFE), based at Eden NSW, will continue to play a major role in Australia's forest industry, after being purchased by Australian company Allied Natural Wood Exports Pty Ltd (ANWE).

ANWE is a new world-class wood products marketing and logistics company which sells certified natural and plantation grown wood products sustainably sourced from public and private growers to the international market.

Spokesman for ANWE, Mr Rob de Fégely said, "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's goal is to enhance and improve the way that Australian wood product exports are managed and marketed, by further growing the business with the objective of creating a range of sustainable economic opportunities for the region," said Mr de Fégely.

AFPA Chief Executive Officer Mr Ross Hampton said, "AFPA is pleased to see this strong vote of confidence by ANWE in wood product exports and the forestry industry in south east NSW. The SEFE facility has been, and will continue to be, an integral part of the social and economic fabric of the Eden region, sustaining hundreds of direct and indirect jobs."

"SEFE has exported more than 35 million tonnes of woodchips to the international paper-making industry and achieved sales of more than \$2.3 billion in its proud 45 years of operation."

"We look forward to working with ANWE as constructively as we have worked with SEFE over many years." said Mr Hampton.

AFPA represents forest growers, harvesters, and manufacturers of timber and paper products.

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