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AFPA pays tribute to outgoing Hyne Group CEO Jon Kleinschmidt

Australia's forest industries congratulate Jon Kleinschmidt who has announced his retirement after serving as Chief Executive Officer of Hyne Group since 2012, Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) Chief Executive Officer Ross Hampton said today.

"Jon is well known to the sector and on behalf of everyone across our forest industries I congratulate Jon on his years of service, not just for his 28 years to Hyne Group, that has gone from strength to strength as a leading softwood sawmilling product provider under his leadership, but also his service to the broader sector through his time on the AFPA Board," Ross Hampton said.

Jon served as a Director on the AFPA Board from 2016 to 2022 – nominated from AFPA's Softwood Manufacturing Chamber.

"The hallmark of Jon's input on the AFPA Board was always forward leaning and with a willingness to confront the challenges faced by the sector, especially with regards to securing future timber resource, the bushfires and the times of peak demand following the COVID-pandemic induced building boom," Ross Hampton said.

"I congratulate Jon and wish him all the best in his retirement from May next year. We also welcome Hyne Group's incoming Chief Executive Officer Jim Bindon who will transition from his current position at Big River Industries," Ross Hampton concluded.

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