

FORESTA Signs Technology License Agreement with E3 CARBON

Foresta Group Holdings Limited (ASX: FGH, "FORESTA" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has entered into an exclusive *Technology License Agreement* ("Agreement") with E3 Carbon GmbH ("E3 CARBON") to license their advanced torrefaction technology ("Technology").

Pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, E3 CARBON has granted to the Company an unconditional exclusive license to use the Technology in New Zealand and Australia until 31 December 2025. The Company has also been granted an exclusive license to use the Technology in New Zealand for a period of fifteen (15) years, subject to the satisfaction (or waiver) of certain conditions subsequent which must be satisfied or waived on or before 31 December 2025, unless otherwise agreed by FORESTA and E3 CARBON. Founded in 2015 and headquartered in Hamburg, Germany, E3 CARBON is on a mission to turn CO₂-neutral torrefied biomass (biocarbon) into a new global commodity. E3 CARBON, together with UK-based **Ceramic Drying Systems Limited** ("CDS"), have developed a leading torrefaction process ready for commercial and industrial scaling. Founded in 1983, CDS is among the key engineering and equipment suppliers for industrial thermal treatment and torrefaction systems, with teams located in 10 different countries.

This key strategic partnership will enable FORESTA to produce high-quality 'torrefied wood pellets', a sustainable and efficient biomass fuel, at the Company's flagship integrated manufacturing facility to be developed in Kawerau, New Zealand. E3 CARBON's industry-leading torrefaction technology will allow the production of high-quality torrefied wood pellets in a highly efficient manner to meet the stringent requirements of national and international markets.

Henry Cheng, *Executive Chairman*, FORESTA said:

"We are excited to partner with E3 CARBON to bring this innovative and leading torrefaction technology to New Zealand. This partnership is a pivotal step for FORESTA in establishing our supply chain and developing our flagship manufacturing facility."

Tom Sieverts, *CEO*, E3 CARBON and *Vice-President*, **International Biomass Torrefaction and Carbonisation Council** ("IBTC"), commented:

"We are delighted to collaborate with FORESTA to advance the production of sustainable torrefied wood pellets. Our cutting-edge torrefaction technology combined with FORESTA's chemical extraction expertise will contribute to a cleaner and greener future."

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AUTHORISATION STATEMENT

This release has been authorised to be given to the ASX by the Board of Foresta Group Holdings Limited.

ABOUT FORESTA GROUP HOLDINGS

Foresta is a leading natural and renewable pine chemical and biomass pellet manufacturing company. Foresta is positioning itself to become a leading global supplier of natural and renewable pine chemicals and biomass pellets. It has developed a proprietary process to naturally extract pine chemicals by employing the tree's own solvent chemicals to extract rosin and terpenes. These products are commonly used in industrial manufacturing and are a key input to everyday end products. These products include adhesives, gum, inks, paint, car tyres and perfume.

