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GOOD PROGRESS WITH JOINT VENTURE FOREST CONSENT PROCESS

Auckland, 25 March, 2004 –Tenon Limited advised today that good progress is being made obtaining landowner consents to the transfer of leases and forestry rights over non-freehold forest assets. These consents are required to complete the sale of the Company's non-freehold forest assets to the Kiwi Group consortium.

To date consents covering \$40 million of assets have been received, out of a total value of non-freehold assets of approximately \$200 million.

Commenting on the process to date, John Dell, Chief Executive Officer, said "it is very pleasing that we have made such good initial progress. There are a large number of trustees and landowners of these properties, many of whom have very long standing relationships with the Company, and it is important that the Company meets and discusses with each group the impact of the changes. Our dialogue has been positive, and we appreciate the cooperation we are receiving from the land owners" he said.

Under the terms of the forests sale agreement, the company has six months from the primary completion date of 28 February to obtain all necessary consents.

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