

## Media Release

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### Celebrating Women in Forestry

This International Women’s Day, the South Australian Forest Products Association (SAFPA) recognizes and celebrates the valuable contribution women make in advancing and empowering our forest and timber industries.

“Women in forestry are breaking the glass ceiling and paving the way for the next generation of women to pursue a career in environmental science and innovation, to enhance community values and to promote the importance of forestry in our circular economy’, said Mr Nathan Paine, chief executive officer of the South Australian Forest Products Association (SAFPA).

“With this year’s International Women’s Day theme as ‘Embrace Equity’, our forest industries have been long committed to acquiring a diverse, inclusive and equitable workforce, with one of our members already having reached a 50:50 gender ratio in the workplace”, continued Mr Paine.

“Forest and timber industries employ women in an array of roles, from general managers, environmental scientists, foresters, researchers, operation managers, mill workers, fire fighters, event managers, administrators, to name just a few”.

“SAFPA encourages women, young and old, to embrace the opportunities available within the forest and timber industries. It is a unique employment experience, and with the global demand for fibre increasing and the amplified support the industry is receiving from federal and state governments, it is a growing career opportunity with no limitations”, Mr Paine continued.

“We are grateful for the invaluable contributions women have made to forestry and timber sectors in our state, both past and present. Their influence today is unlocking endless possibilities for the next generation of women to consider a career in one of the most important industries to combat climate change and a net-zero economy”, concluded Mr Paine.

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