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James Latham chairman elected to top role on PEFC International Board

Chairman of James Latham Plc, Peter Latham, has been elected as the new Chairman of the PEFC International Board, at the PEFC General Assembly held recently in Bali, Indonesia.

As well as being Chairman of one of Britain's oldest timber companies, he is a former Chairman of the Forests Forever Committee of the Timber Trade Federation and member of the Council of Commonwealth Forestry Association.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr Latham said: "I would like to thank everyone for the support I received, and I am very much looking forward to being your Chairman. For me, our greatest strength is that we are truly all members of the same family, the PEFC family.



"While we have been through a successful period as an organisation, with significant growth in certified forest area, the number of new members and acceptance in public procurement schemes, we still face important challenges, and we need to face them together."

Following the election of a number of new Board members, Ben Gunneberg, CEO of PEFC International said: "I am looking forward to working alongside Peter in his new role of Chairman.

"Peter brings with him great experience; not only has he been on the Board since 2011, he was also the Chairman of PEFC UK and heads one of Britain's oldest and most respected timber trading companies, James Latham, which was established in 1757. His knowledge and expertise will be invaluable to our organisation as it moves forward towards PEFC's vision of a world in which people manage forests sustainably."

Peter Latham concluded: "I would also like to thank Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy and Sheam Satkuru-Granzella for the excellent work they have done over the past years as Vice Chairs – they led both the organisation and the Board extremely well."

Alongside Peter, three Board members, including Natalie Hufnagl-Jovy as Vice Chair, were re-elected and the PEFC also welcomed three new members onto the Board.

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