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EXOTIX BUCKS CHALLENGING MARKET TO COMPLETE FINANCING FOR FORESTRY OPERATION IN UGANDA

(London - 15 October 2008) Despite the present global financial turmoil, frontier markets specialist Exotix has secured financing for UK-based New Forests Company's sustainable forestry operation in Uganda.

The deal underlines Exotix's ability to source investors for interesting, specialist transactions in Africa. The investment banking boutique, which specialises in undervalued and illiquid markets and has been very active in Africa, was approached by New Forests earlier this year to secure early stage financing from institutional investors for the firm's Uganda operation. The deal was concluded in September, 2008.

The New Forests Company is a plantation timber firm with operations in Uganda and Mozambique. It has become the largest tree planter in Uganda and expects to plant almost 4.5 million trees this year. The company combines sustainable commercial forestry and the protection and promotion of biodiversity with community participation. New Forests has a strong management team and has attracted blue chip seed investors.

Commenting on the deal, Exotix's Sanjeev Chhugani said, "Early stage forestry businesses have low cash flows in the initial years, but once the trees reach a certain age, the picture changes dramatically. Not only do the assets literally grow, so does the holding value of these assets. With increasing global demand for timber, investing in sustainable forests is essential. New Forests' impact on the surrounding communities will be phenomenal. While many of our alternative investment clients are focused on assets that can be marked to market on a short term basis, we had to find a strong investor with a long term outlook, a passion for Africa and a pragmatic approach to 'green' investments. Money can grow on trees."

Julian Ozanne, CEO of New Forests, commented that "with our institutional round of funding concluded, we can focus on planting more trees and extending our biodiversity and community development initiatives. We have a solid team of very experienced and passionate people who are extremely knowledgeable about forestry and are committed to successfully and profitably expanding our operation within Uganda and across Africa."

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Exotix is a frontier market investment banking boutique specialising in illiquid bonds and loans, equities, structured finance, asset management and capital raising. It is headquartered in London, with offices in New York, Buenos Aires, Brazil and Japan. It is very active in equity and debt capital markets, private equity and structured products in Africa.

ABOUT NEW FORESTS COMPANY

The New Forests Company (<http://www.newforestscompany.com>) is a sustainable forestry business driven by commercial timber economics. It has an established, rapidly growing plantation with the prospect of a sawmill and energy-forestry operations, which will deliver both attractive returns to investors and significant social and environmental benefits. NFC provides long-term foreign private sector investment in carbon sink forestry on unutilized and/or degraded land in the developing world in the context of the Clean Development Mechanism of the Kyoto Protocol on the reduction of global warming. The company has already established itself as the biggest tree planter and the dominant player in Uganda, a country facing acute and mounting timber shortages, and is set to begin operations in other countries.