



## TFS Corporation doubles quarterly profit

Sandalwood producer TFS Corporation says quarterly net profit has more than doubled thanks to a revaluation of trees and a plantation sale.

Net profit rose 118 per cent to \$40.5 million in the three months to September 30, up from \$18.6 million in the September quarter of 2014.

Total revenue was \$110 million, up 62.2 per cent from \$67.7 million.

Chief executive Frank Wilson said the revenue result was largely attributable to a tree revaluation gain and the sale of new Indian Sandalwood plantations to the Church of England.

"The growth in our cash earnings reflects the ongoing strong demand for new plantations as well as further growth in sales of Indian Sandalwood products to end markets," Mr Wilson said.

He said it was an encouraging start to the 2016 financial year, although earnings were heavily weighted to the last quarter of the financial year when the majority of the plantation sales are finalised.

The company reiterated its earnings guidance of a five to 10 per cent increase in cash earnings in full year 2016 compared to 2015.

Mr Wilson said the company had \$30.4 million of cash on hand on September 30.

TFS declared a final dividend of three cents, which is unchanged.

Sandalwood oil is highly valued for fragrances and cosmetics while the wood itself is used in carvings and furniture.

Shares in the company were one cent higher at \$1.74 at 1344 AEDT.

Read more: <http://www.news.com.au/finance/business/breaking-news/tfs-doubles-quarterly-profit/news-story/83540919ffa92140ef8f1d095a64e541>

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