



WINE GROUP

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EVANS & TATE LIMITED - APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER /  
FINANCIAL CONTROLLER

The Evans & Tate Wine Group advise that the current Chief Financial Officer of the Evans & Tate Wine Group, Mr Jesper Sentow, has today confirmed his decision to resign with effect from 30 November 2003. Chief Financial Officer since January 2003, Mr Sentow who has for some time sought a lifestyle change will be leaving the company due to personal reasons.

Evans & Tate have pleasure in advising that Mr Sentow's replacement will be Mr Bryce Houghton, currently residing in Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr Houghton has been appointed following an extensive search throughout Australasia and comes to Evans & Tate from Fonterra Co-Operative Group Limited, New Zealand's largest company. Fonterra was formed in 2001 following the merger of the New Zealand Dairy Board, New Zealand Dairy Group of companies and Kiwi Co-operative Dairies Limited. Mr Houghton has held a number of positions at Fonterra since its formation with his final position as Chief Financial Officer – NZ Milk Australasia, Auckland.

"I am looking forward to the move to Western Australia and to joining Evans & Tate. I have a strong personal interest in the wine industry and look forward to being able to apply that interest on a professional level. I have heard many good reports about Evans & Tate and am excited to be a part of the Evans & Tate team", said Mr Houghton.

Mr Houghton lists a number of achievements as follows:-

- Driving implementation of the corporate financial reporting system into New Zealand Milk Australasia;
- Negotiating various mergers and acquisitions;
- Being responsible for preparing Fonterra's financial forecasts included in the merger proposal and maiden prospectus;
- Leading the project which consolidated Fonterra's first budget from New Zealand Dairy Board, New Zealand Dairy Group and Kiwi base documents; and
- Leading Fonterra's maiden US\$500 million Eurobond issue with a roadshow for Europe's largest fund managers based in the key financial centres.

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Evans & Tate, Franklin Tate said, "Mr Houghton has experience in an industry that has international complexity, seasonal issues and branding."

"These characteristics can be easily applied to many sectors, including the wine industry and we welcome Mr Houghton.

"Mr Houghton has some very valuable skills that we believe will greatly enhance the Group's current projects and his experience in a rapidly changing and growing environment will assist Evans & Tate as it continues to expand its operations and move forward."

Mr Houghton's appointment is supported by a further appointment to the Finance Department, Mr Nicholas Bellamy, who will take up the position of Financial Controller early next month.

Mr Bellamy joins Evans & Tate from Ernst & Young, where he has held various positions, his most recent position was Audit Senior Manager where he provided technical, communication and project management advice to a number of large publicly listed companies in various industries.

"Our finance team has been strengthened by the inclusion of Bryce and Nick and we look forward to utilising the skills of both of these outstanding candidates", said Mr Tate.

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