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TRUST INVESTS IN NEW BUSINESS

The launch of a new business manufacturing and distributing energy efficient and low-emission wood pellet fires, marks an exciting new investment for Development Enterprises Limited (DEL). Set up in early 2005 as the business and investment arm of the Eastern Bay Energy Trust, DEL has gone into partnership to manufacture and distribute wood pellet fires. The Parkwood Biomass Solutions Partnership is based at Papamoa.

Joint Venture partner Dennis Stevenson is a New Zealander who was based in Melbourne, where he had designed and manufactured a unique style of wood pellet fire for the Australian market.

Mr Stevenson's recent return to New Zealand and joint venture partnership with DEL coincides with the introduction of legislation restricting the use of wood or coal fires throughout New Zealand, and the international move to wood pellet fires, with low emission.

The new joint venture partnership was formed under Parkwood Investments Limited, a subsidiary of DEL, with capital funding from the Eastern Bay Energy Trust. Distributorships are being set up throughout New Zealand. DEL Chief Executive Peter Dwyer was enthusiastic about the investment due to the considerable synergies with DEL's other major investment, Whakatane based energy efficiency company Energy Options Limited. He advised that DEL had also acquired Mr Stevenson's Australian business as the market there is also expected to grow. Eastern Bay Energy Trust Chairman Mrs Toni Owen said "This joint venture partnership marks an important investment further to the Trust's 77.3% shareholding in Horizon Energy Distribution Limited. The Trustees are excited not only about the potential growth of the new business and the economic return to the Trust and its beneficiaries, but also about the fact that this fits nicely with the Trust's commitment to energy efficiency, as well as its focus on diversifying the Trust's investments. DEL has scored a coup by securing the design skills and knowledge of Dennis Stevenson, who has enormous experience in this field, and we look forward to the development of this new business and the energy efficient products that come out of it".

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