



## **BTG Pactual Asset Management Raises \$860 million Timberland Fund**

*BTG Pactual Asset Management is the largest timberland investment manager in Latin America and one of the largest globally*

**São Paulo and New York, May 12, 2015** – BTG Pactual Asset Management announced today that it has successfully finalized the fundraising of the BTG Pactual Brazil Timberland Fund I (the “Fund”) with equity commitments totaling US\$860 million, creating a fund to invest in timberland in Brazil and other countries in Latin America.

The scope of the Fund demonstrates the unique combination of opportunities that presently exist in the Brazilian timberland market, as well as BTG Pactual’s ability to raise capital for investments during a challenging economic time for the region. Investors in the Fund include a diverse group of global institutional investors and local Brazilian institutions.

“There are a number of compelling reasons to invest in Brazilian timberland,” said Gerrity Lansing, Head of BTG Pactual’s Timberland Investment Group. “In addition to a high degree of technological advancement, the asset class has not been a focus for many institutional investors, and the barriers to entry are high, particularly for managers without a Brazilian-based team and capital sources. Our investment approach is based on patience and discipline, which gives us considerable flexibility in terms of structuring transactions and managing assets over the long term.”

BTG Pactual’s Timberland Investment Group currently manages over US\$3bn in the United States, Europe, Latin America and South Africa. The group was established in 2012 through the acquisition of TTG Brasil Investimentos Florestais (“TTG”), and expanded through the subsequent acquisition of Regions Timberland Group (“RTG”) in 2013. The BTG Pactual Brazil Timberland Fund I represents the next phase of BTG Pactual’s long-term timberland investment strategy, with additional vehicles focused on US and European markets currently under development.



“We are gratified by the number of leading institutional investors who have committed capital to this fund,” said Carlos Fonseca, BTG Pactual Partner. “The success of this fundraising reflects investor enthusiasm for our platform’s unique position in Latin America.”

### **About BTG Pactual**

BTG Pactual is an innovative global financial firm that operates as a meritocratic partnership with a passion for consistently creating value for its clients and shareholders.

BTG Pactual’s global presence, based on a dominant fully fledged Latin America Investment Bank, a global commodities unit and an extensive global Asset and Wealth Management platform, enables it to provide a comprehensive range of financial services to a global client base that includes corporations, institutional investors, governments and high net worth individuals.

Since its inception, BTG Pactual has been run as a partnership, and as of March 2015 it had 247 partners, over 3,200 employees, net equity of R\$19.2 billion, and R\$ 302.6 billion of assets in asset and wealth management. BTG Pactual has offices in 20 countries and is headquartered in Brazil.

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