

Nicholas Mark Thompson CBE

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Nicholas Mark Thompson has an honours degree in agricultural science (plant breeding, agronomy and soil science) from the Nottingham University, a master of science in agriculture from the Reading University, a certificate in Rice Production from the International Rice Research Institute (Philippines) and a Master of Business Administration from the Bath University. He started his career as assistant manager at New Britain Palm Oil Ltd (NBPO) in Papua-New-Guinea, where he was promoted in 1991 to deputy director plantations and in 1994 to managing director. Under his leadership NBPO grew into one of the largest employers in Papua-New-Guinea and into a renowned sustainable palm oil company, which has been taken over in 2015 by Sime Darby Plantations. That same year he received the award of “Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire”. He sat on the board of directors of the National Development Bank PNG, West New Britain University Center and of various professional organizations of the palm oil sector in Papua-New-Guinea. Today he is a member of the board of directors of Feronia Inc., a Canadian quoted plantation company.