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Chris Brown is the VP with responsibility for environmental sustainability for Olam International Ltd., a leading global integrated supply chain manager and processor of agricultural products and food ingredients, supplying various products including cocoa, coffee, cashew, sesame, rice, cotton and wood products to 65 countries. In this role Chris leads on Olam’s climate change and water agenda, where he works with the business to build, drive and embed environmental value as a tool for delivering business and societal value. This requires him to work with all aspects of the business from Finance to factories and engage a range of stakeholders from farmers to customers.

Chris holds an honours degree in Chemical Engineering and a Postgraduate diploma in Environmental Management. He brings 20 years of environmental experience in a range of managerial positions from a variety of sectors including the waste sector, steel sector, automotive sector with Toyota and the power sector with E.ON. His move into the agriculture sector may look like a huge leap but Chris says the challenges facing this sector are global in scope and much broader than agricultural and the opportunity to work for a company which believes that doing business involves creating value on an ethical, socially responsible and environmentally sustainable basis was simply an offer he couldn’t refuse.