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David Smol to join Contact Board

Today Contact Energy Limited (Contact) announced that David Smol has been appointed as a director to join its Board on 1 October 2018.

“The Board are delighted that David is joining Contact. His extensive energy sector experience coupled with the depth of his public sector leadership strengthen the Board” said Contact Chairman Rob McDonald.

David has over thirty five years of work experience, including in the energy sector in the UK and New Zealand, for Conoco UK Limited, Electricity Corporation and ILEX Energy Consulting. He was part of the Contact Energy establishment team in 1995-1996 and a member of the team that developed the rules for the New Zealand electricity market.

In 2008 David was appointed as chief executive of Ministry of Economic Development and, from 2012-2017 was the inaugural chief executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), following the merger of four government departments.

David has an M-Phil in economics from Cambridge University and was made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order in 2018.

David Smol will fill a casual vacancy from 1 October 2018 until the 2018 annual shareholder meeting, then will stand for election by shareholders at that meeting. The Contact Board has determined that David Smol will be an independent director.

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