

SPARC APPOINTS STRATEGIC ADVISOR – NEW TECHNOLOGIES

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **Former ResMed Executive Mr Don Darkin appointed as Strategic Advisor, New Technologies**
- ▶ **Global experience in developing new technologies from early-stage research through to commercialisation**
- ▶ **Mr Darkin is identified as an inventor or co-inventor on 81 granted patents worldwide with an outstanding track record of achievement**

Sparc Technologies Limited (ASX:SPN) (Sparc or the Company) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mr Don Darkin** to the role of **Strategic Advisor – New Technologies**.

Mr Darkin has a wealth of experience developing new technologies from early-stage research through to commercialisation and has a consistent track record of success. Don is identified as an inventor or co-inventor on 81 granted patents worldwide and has an outstanding track record of success. He was educated in the UK in mechanical engineering and has further professional management training at University of New South Wales and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr Darkin joined ResMed (NYSE: RMD, ASX: RMD) in August 1999 as vice president of Product Development and subsequently served as vice president of Business Divisions and senior vice president of Global Product Development. Don's most recent role at ResMed was President of Innovation and Operations, a position he held from 2014-2016. Don remained with ResMed until 2019 in an advisory capacity.

In Mr Darkin's time at ResMed, the Company grew from a market capitalisation of approximately US\$400m to in excess of US\$30bn¹ today, with revenues exceeding US\$3bn². In his roles as President of Innovation, Business Unit and Operations, Mr Darkin was instrumental in delivering a number of pioneering and innovative solutions and new technologies to market.

Sparc Executive Chairman, Stephen Hunt, commented:

"It is a great pleasure to welcome Don to Sparc. Don's addition to the team will be an enormous benefit to the company given his track record at ResMed and beyond. His depth of knowledge and experience in the commercialisation of new technologies is highly regarded worldwide, and to gain this level of expertise is a major coup for the company, demonstrating confidence in Sparc's pipeline of new technologies and solutions. Don will advise the Board on all aspects of strategy and product development across existing projects and significantly, he will help guide the company with new innovative opportunities."

¹ FactSet

² ResMed Corporate Presentation October 2020

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About Sparc Technologies

Sparc Technologies Limited (ASX:SPN) is a South Australian based company that is focussing on the development of innovative technology solutions using the unique properties of graphene. Graphene, which can be extracted from graphite, is a 2-dimensional nano material made of carbon atoms arranged in a hexagonal pattern which gives it unique and powerful properties that, with the right technology, can be imparted on products to improve performance. Sparc Technologies has licenced graphene-based technologies from the University of Adelaide, a leading institution in the field of graphene research, and will focus on commercialising graphene-based technologies for large industrial markets for marine and protective coatings and environmental remediation. The University of Adelaide is a substantial shareholder in Sparc.

