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Director appointment

24 March 2017

The Meridian Energy Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Verbiest as a Non-Executive Independent Director of the company, effective from today.

Mark is an experienced company director, currently serving on the boards of several major companies and organisations, including: Spark New Zealand (Chairman), ANZ Bank New Zealand Limited (Director), Freightways Limited (Director), Willis Bond Capital Partners Limited and Willis Bond General Partner Limited (Director), and the New Zealand Treasury Advisory Board (Member). He is also a former board member of the Financial Markets Authority and until recently he also held the position of Chairman on the Transpower New Zealand Limited Board.

He is also a trustee of the Southern Lakes Arts Festival Trust and a consultant to national law firm Simpson Grierson. Mark has a law degree from Victoria University of Wellington.

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Mark Binns Chief Executive Meridian Energy Limited

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