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Z Energy appoints new Chief Customer Officer

Z Energy (NZX: ZEL ASX: ZEL) (Z) is pleased to announce that Figen Ulgen will join Z Energy as Chief Customer Officer (CCO) and confirms that Jane Anthony will be leaving Z at the end of the calendar year.

Figen is currently Head of Analytics and Insights at Countdown. Prior to immigrating to New Zealand in 2019 Figen held senior executive roles at Intel and Microsoft in the US and before that was a McKinsey consultant in her native Turkey. Figen holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence from Florida Institute of Technology (USA) where she was the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship. She published her PhD in Machine Learning while studying in Japan, where she was the recipient of a Japanese Government Scholarship.

Commenting on the appointment, Z's Chief Executive Mike Bennetts said, "We are delighted to have attracted such a world class talent to Z. In her previous roles Figen has developed significant skills and experience with digital technologies, data and analytics, product management and ways of working consistent with what Z is moving towards."

Z has confirmed that Jane Anthony will leave the company at the end of the year after a transition of her responsibilities to Figen.

Jane has been with Z, and its predecessor Shell, for over 20 years and has held several senior management and executive positions while at the company. Jane has been Chief Customer officer since August 2019 and previously held the position of GM Marketing since 2015. Jane also served as Z's director on Loyalty NZ's board.

Mike commented, "Jane has made an incredible contribution to Z. Jane joined Z through the acquisition of Shell's downstream business and has been instrumental in developing, launching and growing the Z brand. We wish her the best for what comes next in her career."

Figen will be based in Auckland and will assume the CCO role 1 February 2021.

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