

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS SPECIALIST ANNOUNCED AS NEW CEO OF IEMA

The IEMA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that a new Chief Executive of IEMA has been appointed.

Following the retirement of Russell Foster earlier this year, **Jan Chmiel** will take up the role of Chief Executive of IEMA, the premier membership body for environmental professionals, during November 2009.

Jan has a strong background specialising in building, managing and leading businesses throughout the world in the energy and sustainability sectors. He has held a number of senior roles in large international organisations including Shell, the BG Group and the Energy Saving Trust.

As a Director in previous roles, Jan has been responsible for developing and implementing strategies for sustainable energy. Building on his MBA in International Development and Change Management, he also brings experience of working with CEOs in the automotive, retail and the waste sectors.

Welcoming Jan's appointment, IEMA Board Chair Ian Housley said "*Jan has been appointed to the role of Chief Executive of IEMA due to his vast experience, invaluable leadership qualities and absolute ability to lead and deliver IEMA's vision for the coming five years.*"

Commenting on his new position, Jan said "*I am delighted to take up this role. We have three main objectives to achieve by 2014, as outlined in our Vision, but when I take up the role of Chief Executive I really want to make an individual connection to the IEMA membership. By this time next year, I would really like for each and every IEMA member to feel that this Institute is relevant, current and making a real difference to their own career and the environmental profession as a whole.*"

Chair of the IEMA Council Allen Norris is eager to start working with Jan, as he says "*On behalf of the Council, I warmly welcome Jan to his new role and we all look forward to working closely with him to enhance and develop our Institute in the exciting and challenging times in which we live.*"

Jan will be working with Martin Baxter, who becomes Executive Director responsible for policy, as part of a strengthened leadership team.

For more information on Jan's appointment, IEMA, its events, services, products, membership, training and publications, visit www.iema.net.

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Notes

1. The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) is a leading not-for-profit membership organisation established to promote best practice standards in environmental management, auditing and assessment.
2. The Institute offers support to environmental professionals and aims to promote sustainability through improved environmental practice and performance.
3. With over 14,500 individual and corporate members, IEMA is now a leading international membership-based organisation, dedicated to the promotion of sustainable development and to the professional development of individuals involved in the environmental sectors across many industrial sectors.
4. IEMA's Vision 2014 is the Institute's plan for the next five years. Its three-fold strategic objectives are;
 - i. set standards for, facilitate or otherwise provide, the best training and development relevant to the environmental profession, and produce the most competent environmental professionals available.
 - ii. improve the profession's profile and influence by promoting the role and views of the environmental profession to policy makers, business and NGOs, starting in the UK and with EU institutions.
 - iii. be the membership body of choice for the environmental profession, acting inclusively in its governance and across the profession as a whole, doubling the Institute's membership by 2014 compared to 2008, including through global growth.
5. For more information on the IEMA, its events, services, membership, training and publications, please visit www.iema.net.
6. All Press enquiries should be sent to Katrina Pierce at k.pierce@iema.net.

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