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David Choat Named as Interim President and CEO, Ontario Centres of Excellence

TORONTO – David McFadden, Chair of the Board of Directors, Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE), is pleased to announce that David Choat, Vice President of Human Resources, OCE will assume the role of Interim President and CEO as of September 28th in light of the announced departure of current CEO Mark Romoff.

“We are most fortunate to have someone of David’s caliber on board to take over the reins at the Ontario Centres of Excellence on an interim basis,” said Mr. McFadden.

David has been a valuable part of the OCE Executive team since July, 2007. Prior to joining OCE, David was Vice President, Human Resources at Scarborough Hospital. He has a BSc in Applied Physics and Electronics from Lancaster University (UK) and an MBA from Open University in the United Kingdom.

Mr. McFadden added that David’s education, skills and senior management experience in both line and human resources roles, along with his success in the aerospace and healthcare sectors make him an excellent choice to lead the OCE team.

“Mark and David will be working together to ensure a smooth transition of power between now and Mark’s actual departure at the end of September,” said Mr. McFadden.

He also noted that the OCE Board of Directors’ search committee is well underway with its work to find a permanent CEO.

Mr. McFadden also stressed that under the capable leadership of David and the entire OCE executive team, all of OCE’s programs, events and activities will continue as usual during the transition period.

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