Ross McInnes joins Lectra’s Board of Directors

Paris, October 30 2017. Today, Lectra’s Board of Directors, chaired by Daniel Harari, decided unanimously to coopt Ross McInnes as an independent Director, with effect from January 1, 2018. This nomination follows the resignation of André Harari as Director on July 27, 2017.

“I am delighted to join Lectra’s Board of Directors,” says Ross McInnes. “Lectra has many opportunities to accelerate its growth and possesses the means to fulfill its ambitions.”

“We are very happy that Ross McInnes is joining Lectra’s Board of Directors. At the beginning of the year Lectra launched a new strategic roadmap for 2017-2019 to become an indispensable player in Industry 4.0. We are convinced that Ross McInnes, thanks to his personality and his industrial and financial experience in France and internationally, will greatly contribute to the success of our new strategy,” adds Daniel Harari.

This cooptation will be submitted for approval at the next annual Shareholders’ Meeting, which will take place on April 27, 2018.

Biography of Ross McInnes

Born in 1954, Ross McInnes has dual French and Australian nationality and is a graduate of Oxford University. He started his career in 1977 with Kleinwort Benson, first working in London then in Rio de Janeiro. In 1980, he joined Continental Bank (now Bank of America), holding several positions in the corporate finance arm, first in Chicago and then in Paris.

He joined Eridania Beghin-Say in 1989, being named Chief Financial Officer in 1991, then a member of the Board of Directors in 1999. The following year, Ross McInnes joined Thomson-CSF (now Thales) as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, assisting in the group's transformation. In 2005 he moved to PPR (now Kering) as Executive Vice President for Finance and Strategy. He was appointed to the Supervisory Board of Générale de Santé in 2006, serving as acting Chairman of the Management Board from March to June 2007. From 2007 to 2009, he was also Vice Chairman of Macquarie Capital Europe, specialized in infrastructure investments.

Ross McInnes joined Safran in March 2009, and was named Executive Vice President, Economic and Financial Affairs in June. From July 2009 to April 2011 he was a member of the Executive Board, and then from April 2011 to April 2015 he was Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

On April 23, 2015 he was named Chairman of the Board of Safran.

In February 2015, Ross McInnes was appointed by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Special Representative for Economic Relations with Australia, within the scope of France’s economic diplomacy policy.

At the end of 2016, Ross McInnes joined the High Committee for Corporate Governance, following his nomination by AFEP (French association of large companies) and MEDEF (French employers’ union).

In October 2017, the French Prime Minister appointed Ross McInnes co-chairman of the “Action Publique 2022” committee, charged with proposing public policy reforms.

That same month, he was named Operating Adviser at the investment firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice (CD&R). Ross McInnes is also a Non-Executive Director of Eutelsat.
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