



**Press release**  
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### **New Chair for Ithaka Life Sciences**

Kim Heyworth has been appointed chairman of Ithaka Life Sciences, the leading life sciences consultancy and interim management business.

Kim is CEO of WHEB Ventures Ltd, a venture capital company that focuses on the clean technology sector. He has over 15 years' experience in the environmental services sector, and was also a partner at KPMG for ten years.

Dr Paul Rodgers, managing director of Ithaka, said, 'Our business is continuing to grow and develop its home and international portfolio. The experience and expertise of Kim Heyworth adds a new dimension to the business and will prove invaluable over our next growth phase.'

Kim Heyworth comments, 'Ithaka has an enviable range of clients which it has guided through the planning, funding and marketing challenges that face companies in the early stages of their growth. I look forward to the challenge of expanding the business, and supporting more growth companies.'

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#### **Notes to editors**

##### **Ithaka Life Sciences**

Ithaka was founded in 2000 and has quickly built a reputation as one of the UK's leading consultancy and interim management service providers, specialising in new and growing life science businesses. It offers expertise in a number of sectors including pharmaceutical R&D, medical devices, diagnostics and sensors, agriculture and food biotechnology. Its clients include universities, research institutions, life science businesses, investors and public sector bodies. It has offices in Cambridge, Durham, Derbyshire and Brussels.

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**WHEB Ventures Ltd**

WHEB Ventures manages a £24m venture capital fund that invests in early stage clean technology companies, primarily based in the UK but with global market applications. It combines the 15-20 years experience in the sector of the founding directors, Kim Heyworth and Rob Wylie, together with the interests and contacts of Ben Goldsmith and associates of the Goldsmith family. WHEB has a sister company, Ruston WHEB, which is one of the leading headhunting business in the clean technology market having completed over 100 senior level assignments in the last 5 years.

WHEB typically invests up to £2m in companies with technologies that have applications in sustainable agriculture, alternatives to chemicals, clean manufacturing, water conservation and treatment, waste recycling and renewable or alternative energy such as biofuels.

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