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Spark New Zealand announces changes to the Spark Board

The Spark New Zealand Board announced today it has appointed David Havercroft as a non-independent, non-executive director to the Board. David's appointment will take effect from 1 October 2021.

David's career in the technology industry has spanned more than 35 years. Having worked as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Technology Officer at Spark New Zealand until 2017, he has also held executive and management positions in IBM Asia Pacific, Cable & Wireless and BT. David is currently a director on Connect 8, Southern Cross Cables, KiwiWealth, and was formerly a director of Kordia.

Spark New Zealand Chair, Justine Smyth, says, "We are delighted to have someone of David's calibre joining our board. His skills and significant industry knowledge and experience will be vital as Spark continues to adapt and grow in today's uncertain context, where digital connectivity has become more important than ever."

David says, "The telecommunications and technology industries are undergoing rapid transformation – a trend only exacerbated by Covid-19 and the need to adapt to a low-carbon future. This industry is pivotal to New Zealand's future success, and I am honoured to have the opportunity to support Spark, the largest telecommunications and digital services provider in the country, as it accelerates into an increasingly digital future and plays its part in helping New Zealand transform."

In accordance with Spark's constitution, David will retire and offer himself for re-election at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in November 2021.

The Board also announced that Pip Greenwood has decided not to seek re-election at Spark's Annual Meeting of Shareholders in November 2021 after taking on the role of Chair at Westpac New Zealand from 1 October 2021. The Spark Board thanks Pip for her valuable contribution over the past three years.

The Spark Board has an ongoing succession programme and will continue working to consider the relevant skills and experience required to support the business in delivering on its 3-year strategy to 2023.

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