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Kevin Hart appointed as Chief Executive of NZWEA

The NZWEA Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Kevin Hart as Chief Executive of the New Zealand Wind Energy Association from 17 April 2023.

NZWEA Chair Blair Walter confirmed that the board is delighted with Kevin's appointment. "Kevin has extensive experience in the energy sector and as a former NZWEA board member knows the wind industry and the Association extremely well. We are confident Kevin will continue to champion the key contribution wind energy makes in enabling the decarbonisation of the energy sector in support of the Government's climate change targets and international obligations."

Kevin joins the Association from GE where he was Asia Pacific and India Regional Leader GE Digital and commented. "I am excited to be representing the New Zealand Wind Energy sector as the Association's new CEO. The convergence of wind and other clean-tech developments, combined with the grid and distribution network developments, make this a compelling time to assist in the overall growth of this sector. As NZWEA's new CEO (from mid-April) I am looking forward to working with all industry stakeholders."

Prior to joining GE, Kevin was General Manager Business Development – Asia Pacific Power Systems Consultants and before that Country Sales Director New Zealand for ALSTOM Grid.

Kevin is taking over from Grenville Gaskell who is stepping down as Chief Executive after 7 years in the role.

Blair thanked Grenville for his contribution. "The Association has been very fortunate to have Grenville as Chief Executive at a pivotal time for the energy sector where he has focused on positioning wind energy as a key technology to address climate change mitigation and ensuring resource management reforms better enable renewable electricity development."

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