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Contact Energy appoints Chief Technology Officer

Contact Energy has today announced the appointment of Tighe Wall, Contact’s Chief Digital Officer, to the new role of Chief Technology Officer.

This new role brings together Contact’s Digital and ICT functions.

Commenting about the appointment CEO Mike Fuge said he was excited about the opportunities the approach would bring as the company continued to grow and deliver in the renewable energy transition.

“Contact’s strategy is to be a leader in the decarbonisation of Aotearoa New Zealand and to play our part in the electrification transition. Digital and ICT play a critical role in this as we respond to change and pursue new opportunities, growth and investment,” said Mr Fuge.

“Technology is rapidly changing and transforming. While our focus in particular areas has served us well over the last few years, we want to create an environment that enables the ICT and Digital portfolios to work in the most effective way. The best approach is to bring both teams together under this new role of Chief Technology Officer.”

Tighe Wall has been with Contact as Chief Transformation and Digital Officer for almost five years and in that time has been responsible for transforming Contact’s digital landscape, digitising the Generation and Trading business and improving the way Contact prioritises and activates new projects in leading the Mau Taniwha programme.

Chief Information Officer Iain Gauld will be leaving Contact at the end of December.

“I want to thank Iain for his significant contribution to Contact after seven and a half years leading Contact’s ICT function. This included leading ICT’s recent award-winning Enterprise Architecture approach, Contact’s move to Cloud which reduced cost-to-serve, building strong cyber security foundations, and the successful SAP ERP upgrade to S/4HANA,” said Mr Fuge.

“Iain is fully supportive of this organisational change and is going to take the opportunity to explore career options in both New Zealand and overseas.”

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About Contact

Contact Energy is one of New Zealand’s largest energy generators and retailers. We have more than 607,000 customer connections with electricity, gas, broadband and mobile plans. We currently operate 11 power stations across New Zealand, using geothermal, hydro and thermal energy to generate electricity.

We are committed to leading the decarbonisation of New Zealand, and it is our vision to create and contribute to a better place to live; from the homes and communities we live in, to the land and resources that future generations can enjoy.

We are a member of the [Dow Jones Sustainability Index Asia-Pacific\(DJSI Asia-Pacific\)](#), which is a global benchmark for corporate sustainability, and winners of Sustainability Leadership Award at the 2023 [Deloitte Top 200 Awards](#).

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