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Contact announces Elena Trout to join Board

Today Contact Energy Limited (Contact) announced that Elena Trout has been appointed as a director to join its Board on 3 October 2016.

“We are delighted to announce the appointment of Elena Trout to the Contact Board. Elena brings a depth of infrastructure and energy sector experience to the Board” said Sir Ralph Norris, Contact’s Chairman.

Elena Trout is an experienced company director and a professional engineer who has held a number of leadership positions in the transport, infrastructure and energy sectors. She is the current President of the Institution of Professional Engineers of New Zealand (IPENZ) and is a Fellow of the Institution as well as a Fellow of Engineers Australia, and is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors.

Elena serves on a number of boards including Harrison Grierson a consulting engineering firm, Marsden Maritime Holdings and EECA. She was one of the inaugural directors of the Electricity Authority and has recently resigned from that role. Prior to being a director of the Electricity Authority she was a director of Transpower. In late 2014 Elena was appointed to undertake an independent assessment of Christchurch’s horizontal infrastructure rebuild programme.

Elena will fill a casual vacancy from 3 October until the 2016 annual meeting, then will stand for election by shareholders at that meeting.

The Contact Board has determined that Elena Trout will be an independent director.

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