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AusBiotech announces Board appointment

AusBiotech today announced the appointment of Dr Greg Roger to its Board, to contribute to the leadership of AusBiotech in its efforts to grow and sustain the medical technology industry.

Chair of the Board, Dr Deborah Rathjen, said: "I'm pleased to announce the invited appointment to the AusBiotech Board of a well respected prior Board member, Dr Greg Roger."

The AusBiotech constitution allows for both elected and appointed Board members, to ensure balanced representation, skills and experience are present to lead the industry organisation.

"After Dr Roger's years of committed service to AusBiotech and AusMedtech, the Board is especially pleased to welcome him back, in the knowledge that his extensive experience in the biotechnology and medical technology sectors will complement the skills and expertise of the current Board."

"I have greatly appreciated Dr Roger's prior contribution to the AusBiotech Board and look forward to working with him again," said Dr Rathjen.

Associate Professor Dr Roger is the Chief Executive Officer of NSW-based Advanced Surgical Design & Manufacture (ASDM), the company he founded to produce medical devices. ASDM has also helped the designs and inventions of Australian surgeons and inventors to achieve commercialisation.

In 2004, Dr Roger received a Clunies Ross Award and in 2005 he received the Warren Centre Hero of Innovation Award and was appointed Adjunct Associate Professor in the School of Aerospace, Mechanical & Mechatronic Engineering at the University of Sydney. In 2006, Engineers Australia Sydney Division awarded him Entrepreneur of the Year. In 2007, Dr Roger was awarded Sydney University Faculty of Engineering's Alumnus of the Year.

Dr Roger completed his medical degree at Sydney University and internship at the Royal North Shore Hospital, and undertook a Masters in Engineering to start solving medical device design problems. Dr Roger went on to acquire a history of medical device innovation including co-designing and developing both the RCI screw, now sold through Smith and Nephew and the highly successful Active Knee prosthesis. He subsequently innovated a novel surface polishing and cleaning technique, which has significantly improved the expected life of joint replacement worldwide.

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