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Seamus Gillen is appointed Director of Policy at The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA)

11 November 2009: ICSA is pleased to announce the appointment of Seamus Gillen to the role of Director of Policy. For the past twelve months, Seamus has been working as ICSA's Senior Policy Adviser during which time he has spearheaded the Institute's work on boardroom behaviours and the ICSA Hermes Transparency in Governance Awards. The Director of Policy position is part-time and Seamus will continue to work closely with ICSA colleagues in the Policy Unit to help position ICSA at the forefront of the governance debate. Seamus is a Fellow of the Institute, holds a BA Honours degree and an MBA .

Seamus has worked at a senior level in the private and public sectors over the last 13 years. He started his career in local government in London before moving to Whitehall as a senior policy adviser. He was Private Secretary to the Rt Hon John Gummer MP, Secretary of State for the Environment and the Rt Hon John Prescott MP, Deputy Prime Minister. He then moved into industry as the Company Secretary and Director of Regulation at Anglian Water where he was responsible for all Board-level operations. His next appointment was Head of Public Policy and Regulation at O2, overseeing relationships with regulators of five national jurisdictions and the EU.

Subsequently Seamus established his own business advising companies on governance, directors' duties, disclosure and business metrics. He also specialises in issues of reputation and reputational risk, where he works on behalf of the Reputation Institute, a leading academic and research-based advisory body.

Seamus says 'I am delighted to have been appointed Director of Policy at ICSA at a time when it is playing such an important, and leading, role in shaping the governance framework in this country. I want to take forward ICSA's work on boardroom behaviours, and its thinking on how organisations –

from whatever sector – can become more effective in terms of delivering their objectives and meeting the needs of their key stakeholders. The role of the Chartered Secretary is increasingly viewed as essential in delivering this agenda.'

David Wilson, ICSA's Chief Executive adds, 'Seamus brings to the Institute a wealth of experience from the most senior levels of both the public and private sectors. His knowledge of governance and strategic issues will add significantly to our strength as we continue to position Chartered Secretary professionals as an indispensable feature at the top of well run organisations, from companies to public bodies, NHS Trusts and not-for-profit operations.'

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Editors' notes

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