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**Renishaw appoints new Chief Executive**

Renishaw plc, the global high-precision metrology and healthcare manufacturer, is pleased to announce changes to key executive roles.

Sir David McMurtry has decided that he wishes to hand over his Chief Executive responsibilities. Sir David, together with rest of the Board, are pleased to announce the appointment of William Lee as Chief Executive with effect from 1 February 2018. Sir David will remain Executive Chairman with responsibility for group innovation and product strategy.

Will joined Renishaw in 1996 starting his career in new product research and subsequently headed up the laser and calibration product line and the machine tool product line before being appointed to the Board as Group Sales and Marketing Director in 2016. Will has a degree in Physics from Oxford University and an MBA from Bath University.

Commenting on the changes Sir David said, “I am delighted that Will has demonstrated to me the leadership capabilities to continue to develop the Renishaw business and as result I am pleased to hand over my role as Chief Executive. I am confident that Will can inspire the next generation to build on Renishaw’s heritage and we are looking forward to working closely together.”

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UK-based Renishaw is a world leading engineering technologies company, supplying products used for applications as diverse as jet engine and wind turbine manufacture, through to dentistry and brain surgery. It has over 4,000 employees located in the 35 countries where it has wholly owned subsidiary operations.

For the year ended June 2017 Renishaw recorded sales of £536.8 million of which 95% was due to exports. The company’s largest markets are China, the USA, Japan and Germany.

Throughout its history Renishaw has made a significant commitment to research and development, with historically between 14 and 18% of annual sales invested in R&D and engineering. The majority of this R&D and manufacturing of the company’s products is carried out in the UK.

The Company’s success has been recognised with numerous international awards, including eighteen Queen’s Awards recognising achievements in technology, export and innovation.

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