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H2O VENTURE PARTNERS ANNOUNCE APPOINTMENT OF TOM HOCKADAY.

H2O is delighted to welcome the latest member of its advisory panel, Tom Hockaday.

Tom, Managing Director of Isis Innovation, the technology transfer company of Oxford University, joins us as a special advisor on international development, specifically to help formulate our international growth strategy. David Kelly, Chief Executive of H2O said, "Tom's appointment heralds the next phase in H2O's development, in which we begin to look to investment opportunities beyond Oxford and the UK". Tom himself is delighted to be joining an advisory board made up of some of the leading figures in research and industry, and is looking forward to the challenge of helping H2O achieve its potential.



Tom comes to H2O with extensive experience in technology transfer. He joined Isis Innovation Ltd, the technology transfer company of the University of Oxford, in 2000, and has seen it grow into one of the leading technology transfer offices in Europe. He was appointed Managing Director in 2006, and continues to oversee its burgeoning patent and licensing activities.

Tom has a degree from King's College London, and joined Isis following seven years in technology transfer at Bristol University, where he was Head of the Intellectual Property Management Unit and Managing Director of Bristol Innovations Ltd. In 2003, Tom was Chairman of University Companies Association (UNICO), the UK's university technology-transfer association, responsible for best practice in UK technology transfer. He has also been involved in the Association of University Technology Managers and the Licensing Executives Society, and has given talks worldwide at their conferences.

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