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Lixea announces the appointment of Paul Mines as Non-Executive Chair

Lixea is pleased to announce the appointment of Paul Mines as Non-Executive Chair.

Lixea is an Imperial College spin-out that is commercialising a novel proprietary ionic liquid process that enables the economical fractionation of woody biomass for bio-derived chemicals and materials. Lixea is in an important development phase with the construction of its pilot facility underway in Bäckhammar, Sweden supported by €4.2 million of investment from the European Innovation Council Fund (EIC Fund).

Through his career, Paul has held a variety of leadership and chair positions with chemical manufacturers, packaging businesses and renewable start-ups. He is currently CEO of Biome Technologies plc, an AIM listed bio-materials focused group.

Krisztina Kovacs-Schreiner, CEO said: *“I am very pleased to welcome Paul to Lixea. His excellent track record and experience across the chemicals and biotechnology sector will be invaluable to us as we deliver our Sweden-based pilot plant and look towards our next phase of growth.”*

Dr Florence Gschwend, Co-founder of Lixea and CTO said: *“This is an important next step in the development of Lixea’s business as we progress the technology towards market readiness.”*

About Lixea:

Lixea’s goal is to revolutionise waste biomass utilisation through the commercialisation of a novel fractionation process. Founded in 2017 as an Imperial College London spin-out by Dr Florence Gschwend, Professor Jason Hallett and Dr Agi Brandt-Talbot, Lixea’s process unlocks revenues from otherwise wasted organic materials. The technology has the potential to serve various markets and become an economic platform in the implementation of a circular bioeconomy.

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About Paul Mines:

Paul has experience of value generation in public market and private equity environments. His sector exposure includes chemicals/fine chemicals, FMCG manufacturing, electrical equipment and life sciences/biotechnology with recent focus on sustainable technologies. His current positions include being CEO of Biome Technologies plc, Chair of the Industrial Biotechnology Leadership Forum and Chair of the UKRI/BBRSC’s Bioscience for Renewable Resources and Clean Growth Strategy Advisory Panel.

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