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PRESS RELEASE

NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR HOMES FOR SCOTLAND

Homes for Scotland, the organisation representing the housebuilding and residential development industry in Scotland, has announced the appointment of a new Chief Executive to replace Bruce Black who is retiring. Jonathan Fair, Director in Scotland for research and consultancy company BRE, has been appointed and will take up the post in early October.

Homes for Scotland Chairman Ronnie Jacobs said: "We will be very sorry to lose Bruce Black, who has taken Homes for Scotland from small beginnings to its present position of influence and authority on behalf of the industry. But we are fortunate to have been able to recruit someone of the calibre of Jonathan Fair who is very highly regarded within the industry and more widely.

"There are great opportunities but also significant challenges facing us in the next few years and Jonathan is very well equipped to lead us through that period. He comes with a strong track record of success and achievement in the construction industry."

Jonathan Fair said "I am delighted to be joining Homes for Scotland in this important role, especially at a time when the industry is keen to demonstrate its contribution to the social and economic development of Scotland. I look forward to working closely with our member companies, industry partners, policy makers and the new Scottish Government on key issues such as changing public perception of new home development, delivering the new homes that Scotland needs, further improving customer service in the industry, and achieving the wider sustainable development objectives that are so important for all of us."



Jonathan Fair has a background in building and construction, having worked with a number of major companies in Scotland, including Morrison (now AWG) and Robertson, before joining BRE in 2003.

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Notes to the Editor:

1. Homes for Scotland represents the country's home building industry which:
 - is the largest source of private investment in Scotland
 - contributes £5bn to the economy annually
 - builds 25,000 new homes per annum
 - employs more than 110,000 people
 - is the largest user of the planning system in Scotland