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Press Release

## **LightingEurope Welcomes Former Treasurer as Interim Secretary General**

LightingEurope is pleased to announce the appointment of interim Secretary General, Mr. Diederik de Stoppelaar.

Mr. de Stoppelaar, a seasoned lighting veteran, brings over 25 years of experience in the lighting industry to LightingEurope, including being instrumental in the founding of LightingEurope and serving as Treasurer from 2011-2013. Previously he was the global General Manager for the Vertical Outdoor within GE Lighting. Prior to his work at GE, Mr. de Stoppelaar has served in various management roles within Philips Lighting, as Chief Marketing Officer of Thorn Lighting, Regional Commercial Director of Zumtobel, and Vice President for Sales, Europe and Africa, of Lutron. And, says, Mr. de Stoppelaar, "I'm looking forward to work again within LightingEurope and joining the team in Brussels."

Dietmar Zembrot, President of LightingEurope stated, "We very pleased to welcome Diederik to LightingEurope during this strategic period and look forward to his participation and leadership."

LightingEurope is an industry association of 33 European lighting manufacturers, national associations, and companies producing materials. LightingEurope members represent over 1,000 European companies, a majority of which are SMEs; a total workforce of over 100,000 people in Europe; and an annual turnover estimated to exceed 20 billion euros. LightingEurope is dedicated to promoting efficient lighting practices for the benefit of the global environment, human comfort, and the health and safety of consumers.

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