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PROVINCE ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO FOR MANITOBA PUBLIC INSURANCE

Benjamin Graham will Take the Helm in February: Pallister

Benjamin Graham will become the new president and chief executive officer of Manitoba Public Insurance effective Feb. 1, 2018, Premier Brian Pallister announced today.

“Mr. Graham brings nearly 15 years of senior leadership to his new role as president and CEO of MPI, with particular expertise in risk management, energy, financial services and insurance companies internationally,” said Pallister.

“I am pleased to welcome Mr. Graham to Manitoba, and am confident that his broad insurance-industry experience and risk-management focus will strengthen MPI’s mandate and its leadership team.”

Graham will succeed current president and CEO Dan Guimond, who announced his retirement plans earlier this year. The premier noted Graham’s appointment results from an exhaustive local, national and international search. Originally from Australia, Graham’s most recent appointment was as the head of risk for QBE Insurance Asia Pacific, headquartered in Hong Kong.

“Mr. Graham’s international experience will bring new perspectives to the organization and ensure the Crown corporation is delivering industry best-practice solutions within the public insurance context that we are so proud to offer to Manitobans,” said Crown Services Minister Cliff Cullen. “I have no doubt the selection of Mr. Graham by the corporation’s board of directors will serve to strengthen and secure the long-term sustainability of the public insurance program in Manitoba.”

Graham holds a master’s degree in risk management from Monash University in Australia and an undergraduate degree in political science from the University of New South Wales. He also holds numerous professional affiliations including memberships in the Institutes of Risk Management in the Middle East and Australia.

“The board of directors is very pleased to welcome Mr. Graham as the organization’s new president and CEO,” said Brent VanKoughnet, chair of the MPI board. “We are confident that he can build on the successes and dedicated leadership of the corporation’s current president and CEO, Dan Guimond.”

“On behalf of the entire board of directors, I want to once again extend our gratitude to Mr. Guimond for his passion, expertise and extraordinary work ethic as a steward and a champion of Manitoba’s public insurance program over his distinguished 28-year career at MPI.”

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