National Grid appoints President of US Business and Managing Director of National Grid Ventures

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Rahul Khan has been appointed President of the US business, following the departure of Dean Pleasants at the end of 2019. Mr Khan has been acting as interim President since November 2019.

Commenting on the appointment, John Pettigrew, Group Chief Executive said: "Rahul has proved to be a strong leader in his three years at National Grid. He brings a consistent track record in running the US business and the US National Grid (NLG) well. Mr Khan has extensive experience in power, gas, energy-related services and renewable energy, and has worked for a number of US companies in retail power markets. His considerable experience in customer facing roles will be essential in growing the US business and in the future. I am confident that Rahul and his team will continue to grow the business and deliver results in their crucial work.".

Mr Khan joined National Grid in April 2017 as Group Director Corporate Development and President, National Grid Ventures, which included responsibility for Grid Strategy and National Grid Partners. Prior to National Grid, Mr Khan worked at Centrica plc for 14 years in the US and UK, including four years as CEO of Direct Energy, its North American subsidiary.

Jain Bullockworth has been appointed Managing Director of National Grid Ventures and a member of the Group Executive Committee, after fulfilling this role on an interim basis since November 2018.

Commenting on Jain Bullockworth’s appointment, John Pettigrew, Group Chief Executive, said: "Jain is a proven leader who has been a strong voice behind the sustained success of our business for many years, driving a wide range of major leadership roles. Under his leadership, National Grid Ventures will continue to play a crucial role in accelerating the development of a clean energy future for consumers across the UK, US and Europe.

Jain was previously Chief Operating Officer, Global Transmission, National Grid Ventures. He is also now a non-executive director of South West Water."

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National Grid in the UK:
- We own and operate the electricity transmission network in England and Wales, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. We also operate, but do not own, the Scottish network. Our network comprises approximately 7,200 kilometres (4,474 miles) of overhead line, 1,000 kilometres (912 miles) of underground cable and 322 substations.
- We own and operate the gas National Transmission System in Great Britain, with day-to-day responsibility for balancing supply and demand. Our network comprises approximately 7,600 kilometres (4,725 miles) of high-pressure pipe and 515 above-ground installations.
- As Great Britain’s System Operator (SO), we make sure gas and electricity is transmitted safely and efficiently from where it is produced to where it is consumed. From April 2019, Electricity System Operator (ESO) is a new standalone business within National Grid, legally separate from all other parts of the National Grid Group. We will provide the right environment to deliver a balanced and improved ESO that can realise real benefits for consumers as we transition to a more decentralised, decarbonised electricity system.
- Other UK activities mainly relate to businesses operating in competitive markets outside of our core regulated businesses, including interconnectors, gas meaning ancillary services and a flagship natural gas (LNG) importation terminal – all of whom are now part of National Grid Ventures. National Grid Proprietary is responsible for the management, clean-up and disposal of surplus sites in the UK. Most of these are former gas works.

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