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**Rural Broadband Solutions Plc (the "Company")
Board Update - Intention to Appoint New Director**

Rural Broadband Solutions Plc (AQSE: RBBS) is pleased to announce that it is the Company's intention to appoint Chris Stone as a Non-Executive Director of the Company over the next few days.

Chris Stone has spent the last 25 years primarily in the Software and IT Services industries. He has held various non-executive director and chief executive roles of listed and private equity-backed technology companies.

Most recently, Chris will be known by the market in his role as Chairman of AIM-listed Cityfibre Plc from January 2017 until June 2018, when it was sold to private equity buyers. He is currently Chairman of FTSE 250 cybersecurity company NCC Group Plc, Chairman of AIM-listed Idox Plc, a provider of software to the Public Sector, and also Chairman of Everynet BV, a privately owned Internet of Things infrastructure business.

He was CEO of Northgate Information Solutions Plc, a UK listed company, from 1999 to 2008, when it was sold to a private buyer, and stayed as CEO until 2011. There, he built a market leader in specialist software, outsourcing and information technology (IT) services to the human resources, local government, education, and public safety markets across 5 continents with revenues of over [\$/£]850 million and employing over 10,000 people. From 2013 to 2016, he was CEO of Radius Worldwide. During this period, he was also a non-executive director of CSR Plc, and Chair of the Remuneration Committee, from 2012 until its acquisition by Qualcomm in 2015.

The information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 4.9 of the AQSE Growth Market Apex Rulebook are the following active directorships of Chris Stone together with his previous directorships held within the previous five years:

Active Directorships	Previous Directorships Held in last Five Years
Everynet BV	Qorex Ltd
Idox Plc	Cityfibre Holdings Limited
Idox Trustees Ltd	Cityfibre Infrastructure Holdings Ltd
Pet Lamb Holdings Ltd	
Hatch Farm Trading Ltd	

Hatch Farm Land Ltd	
ERM Events Ltd	
NCC Group Plc	
Ziggy Holdings Ltd	
Event Rider Masters Ltd	
Tattleton Services Ltd	

Save as set out above, there is no further information regarding Chris Stone that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 4.9 of the AQSE Growth Market Apex Rulebook.

Dr Keith Harris, the Executive Chairman of Rural Broadband Solutions Plc, commented:

"We are delighted to welcome Chris as a Non-Executive Director to the Company. He will be joining the Board in the next few days. His technological and business expertise provides him with an informed insight into the business of the Company and this expertise will directly complement the existing skills of our Board. Chris perfectly understands the Company's vision and his background and network will be hugely beneficial to the Company as it moves on to implement its corporate strategy."

Chris Stone commented:

"It is my great pleasure to be joining the Board of Rural Broadband Solutions Plc at such an exciting point of its development. Their timing in the current environment has been key and I am thrilled to be able to support its growth objectives. I have been thoroughly impressed by the Company's success over such a short space of time."

The Directors of Rural Broadband Solutions Plc accept responsibility for this announcement.

Market Abuse Regulation (MAR) Disclosure

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