



## NEWS RELEASE

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### APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Alternative Home Area Network (Alt HAN) Company and Forum are delighted to announce the appointment following a competitive process of **Paul Cooper** as the company's Managing Director. Paul will take up the position in late November after transitioning from his current role with npower.

Alt HAN is critical to rolling out the benefits of smart metering to as many electricity and gas customers as possible. Without the range-extending technology solutions that Alt HAN is developing, customers in over a million apartments and houses will be denied access to many of the improvements and new services that smart metering supports. The appointment of a high calibre Managing Director to oversee and drive delivery as the work moves from design to operational delivery is a key milestone.

*"I'm delighted to have been appointed as AltHANCo's first Managing Director and first employee. I am looking forward to leading AltHANCo through the next exciting and challenging phases of development towards providing services to suppliers as soon as possible."*

Paul brings a wealth of experience and deep knowledge of the energy sector and smart metering. Paul has worked for more than 25 years in the energy industry in various roles in metering, supply, generation and renewables. Paul's current role is the lead of the Asset and Infrastructure team at npower, prior to that he led npower's Smart Programme. In these roles Paul also led npower's smart metering engagement with BEIS, Ofgem and DCC. Earlier in his career Paul led a number of successful energy industry infrastructure joint ventures.

## NOTES

- The Alternative Home Area Network Company (AlthANCo) has been established as a special purpose company to allow all GB energy suppliers to deliver Alternative Home Area Network (Alt HAN) technological solutions and services.
- The Alt HAN Forum, made up of energy supplier representatives, governs and makes decisions on developing and implementing Alt HAN solutions and services, while the AlthANCo Board acts as the procurement and contract management vehicle for the delivery of those solutions and services.
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