



## Media release

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### CENSIS bolsters team with new team members

CENSIS - Scotland's Innovation Centre for sensing, imaging systems, and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies - has strengthened its team with the appointment of technical expert Dr Michael Fletcher as its new Business Development Director, plus two experienced engineers.

Michael joins CENSIS from QuantIC, the UK Quantum Technology Hub in quantum enhanced imaging, where he was responsible for business development, including the support and facilitation of academic-industrial collaborations.

He has had an extensive and varied career spanning 25 years across public and private sector organisations. Among a diverse set of high-profile projects, he worked on the privatisation of the National Engineering Laboratory in 1995.

Joining Michael at CENSIS are engineers Steven Bremner and Sean Farrelly. Steven is an electronics design engineer with more than two decades' experience across a wide range of sectors, including medical devices, telecommunications, and oil and gas.

Sean joins CENSIS for a software consultancy project. Previously a Lead Applications Engineer at NXP Semiconductors, he has worked with organisations across the globe, from the USA to India.

**Michael said:** "The Scottish technology sector is in an exciting place – there are a range of start-ups and larger organisations with ambitious ideas to develop and commercialise new technologies. As CENSIS embarks on its second phase of funding with a renewed focus, I'm looking forward to working across the public and private sectors to take technology from idea to fully-realised product, helping businesses and the industry as a whole to grow."

**Chief Executive of CENSIS, Paul Winstanley, added:** "Michael brings with him a breadth of experience, which will undoubtedly prove a real asset to our team - his knowledge of such a wide range of organisations will benefit the companies CENSIS supports and nurtures. Sean and Steven's experience also adds a variety of new technical skills to our existing engineering team, which will be invaluable. This new expertise within CENSIS underlines our



commitment to brokering strong partnerships between the academic and commercial worlds, backed by industry-experienced technical expertise.”

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**Notes to Editors**

### **1. About CENSIS**

CENSIS is the centre of excellence for sensing and imaging systems (SIS) and Internet of Things (IoT) technologies. We help organisations explore innovation and overcome technology barriers to achieve business transformation.

As one of Scotland’s innovation centres, our focus is not only creating sustainable economic value in the Scottish economy, but also generating social benefit. To do this, our industry-experienced engineering and project management teams work directly with companies or in collaborative teams with specialist university research experts. Working with us allows organisations to implement quality, efficiency and performance improvements and fast-track the development of new products and services for global markets.

### **2. About Highlands and Islands Enterprise**

Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) is an economic and community development agency implementing Scotland's Economic Strategy across a region that covers more than half the country. With around 300 staff, HIE supports hundreds of client businesses and social enterprises; strengthens communities, particularly in fragile areas; develops growth sectors, and invests in infrastructure to create a more competitive and low carbon region.



### **3. About Scottish Enterprise**

Scottish Enterprise is Scotland's main economic development agency and aims to deliver a significant, lasting effect on the Scottish economy. Its role is to help identify and exploit the best opportunities for economic growth. Scottish Enterprise supports ambitious Scottish companies to compete within the global marketplace and help build Scotland's globally competitive sectors. It also works with a range of partners in the public and private sectors to attract new investment to Scotland and to help create a world-class business environment.

### **4. About the Scottish Funding Council**

The Scottish Funding Council (SFC) is helping to make Scotland the best place in the world to educate, to research and to innovate. Investing around £1.8 billion of public money each year, SFC's funding enables Scotland's colleges and universities to provide life-changing opportunities for over half a million people and to help create a prosperous future economy.

### **5. About the Scottish Innovation Centre programme**

The Scottish Innovation Centre programme, which was launched in 2013, brings together a network of Innovation Centres focused on different industry sectors or cross-cutting areas of innovation. Each Centre works to establish bonds between Scotland's universities, colleges and research institutes and industry sectors, translating academic knowledge and expertise into commercially valuable skills and improvements that benefit individual companies as well as Scotland's overall economy.

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