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ORE Catapult appoints new Chief Executive

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The Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult has announced the appointment of Steve Foxley to be its new Chief Executive, following an extensive recruitment process led by its Board. He will take up the post in early 2025.

Steve is currently the CEO of the Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre (AMRC) in Sheffield, part of the High Value Manufacturing (HVM) Catapult, having previously been a member of the Executive Management Board of Siemens plc, leading their Building Technologies Division. He replaces Andrew Jamieson who stepped down earlier this year after over ten years at the helm of the UK's leading technology innovation and research centre for offshore renewable energy.

ORE Catapult Chair, Ronnie Bonnar, commented, "Steve's extensive national and international experience of driving innovation, investment and growth will be a huge asset not just to ORE Catapult but to the whole of the offshore renewable energy sector".

"His experience of working within the Innovate UK Catapult Network will also ensure ever greater collaboration across the Network, delivering massive benefits to the UK as we look to scale up offshore wind to meet our Net Zero goals and become a clean energy superpower".

Steve Foxley said, "Offshore wind is a sector that has long held my fascination for its capacity to regenerate forgotten communities; to provide green energy to homes and businesses; to push the boundaries of innovation, and to make industrial scale impact globally.

"I am very much looking forward to joining the team at ORE Catapult to support this critical sector and to deliver on the country's ambitions."

Dr Stella Peace, Interim Executive Chair at Innovate UK, said, “Steve Foxley has been a successful and respected CEO of the AMRC, and his move to ORE Catapult is a testament to the calibre of talent that exists within the Innovate UK Catapult Network. I very much look forward to seeing the continued impact of both organisations on UK growth and jobs”.