

# News Release

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## EXTENSION OF APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO SCOTTISH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, Jim Mather today announced the reappointment and extension of appointment of two Members to the Scottish Industrial Development Advisory Board (SIDAB).

Reappointed to the Board is:

**Mr Neil Macdonald**, Chairman of Barr + Wray Group Ltd, and of Martin Aerospace Ltd, and Proprietor of LEADERS Management and Investment. He is past Chairman of Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire and has served on the Board of a number of public and voluntary organisations, including Scottish Enterprise Inward Investment Advisory Group (USA), DTI Offshore Energy Technology Board, and Scottish Enterprise Energy Advisory Board. He is a fellow of the Energy Institute.

His current public appointments include Board Membership of 'Clyde Gateway' Urban Regeneration Company, Scottish Enterprise Investment Advisory Board and SMART Scotland Advisory Panel.

Mr Macdonald will also act as Deputy Chair of SIDAB.

The extension of appointment is:

**Mrs Lynne Cadenhead** is currently Chief Executive Officer of 1745 Trading Company Ltd. She was previously CEO of Amoebics Ltd, and previously Chair of Touch EMAS and Connect Scotland Ltd, a Director of Far Blue Scotland Ltd, Fund Manager of the Scottish Technology Fund and a Marketing Director with the Scottish Biomedical Foundation.

Both the reappointment and extension of appointment will be for 1 January 2009 until 31 March 2010.

**Dr Robert Crawford** resigned as Chair of SIDAB on 12 December 2008 due to other commitments.

SIDAB membership is part-time and the appointees receive no remuneration for a time commitment of one day per month (one and half for Mr Macdonald as Deputy Chair).

SIDAB advises Scottish Ministers on the exercise of their devolved powers under Section 7 of the Industrial Development Act 1982, specifically in relation to the Regional Selective Assistance scheme. In practice, SIDAB provides advice to officials on larger RSA cases, where grants of over £250,000 are under consideration.

SIDAB comprises nine Members including the Deputy Chair and, in accordance with statutory requirements, represents a cross section of experience at senior level in industry, commerce, finance and workers' representatives.

Further information on the RSA scheme and SIDAB is available on the internet at [www.scottishbusinessgrants.gov.uk](http://www.scottishbusinessgrants.gov.uk)

The extension and re-appointments were made in accordance with the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland's Code of Practice.

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if there is any to be declared) to be made public. Mr Macdonald and Mrs Cadenhead are not involved in any political activity.

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