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# SYMPHONY ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGIES PLC

("Symphony," the "Company" or the "Group")

## Directorate Change

Symphony Environmental Technologies Plc (AIM:SYM), the global specialists in technologies that make plastic and rubber products smarter, safer and more sustainable, announces that Shaun Robinson, Non-Executive Director, has resigned from the Board of the Company to concentrate on his other business interests.

## Shaun Robinson, commented:

"Having joined the plc Board in 2014, I have been part of the Company's journey for almost a decade. Whilst this has been a challenging period and has taken much longer than I expected, the company is now in a much stronger position with good traction with some of its key technologies and key markets. Accordingly, this is the right time for me to step off the Board and focus on my other business interests. I believe that stepping away will provide an opportunity for the Company to make new and independent appointments, with a fresh perspective and help take the Company through its next stage of evolution. I am and remain a firm supporter of Symphony and look forward to tracking its continued progress."

## Michael Laurier, CEO, Symphony, commented:

"I would like to thank Shaun both personally and on behalf of the Board for his significant commitment and contribution to Symphony over the many years he has been part of our journey. He has been a very important and valuable member of the Board and we wish Shaun all the best going forward."

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## About Symphony Environmental Technologies plc

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Symphony has developed a range of additives, concentrates and master-batches marketed under its  $d_2p$ ® ("designed to protect") trademark, which can be incorporated in a wide variety of plastic and non-plastic products so as to provide protection against many different types of bacteria, viruses, fungi, algae, moulds, and insects, and against fire.  $d_2p$  products also include odour, moisture and ethylene adsorbers as well as other types of food-preserving technologies. For an overview see www.d2p.net Symphony has launched  $d_2p$  anti-microbial household gloves and toothbrushes and "Symfresh" food-packaging and is developing a range of other  $d_2p$  finished-products for retail sale.

Symphony has also developed a biodegradable plastic technology which addresses the problem of persistent microplastics, by turning ordinary plastic at the end of its service-life into a waxy substance which is biodegradable. It is then no longer a plastic and can be bioassimilated in the open environment in a similar way to a leaf without leaving microplastics behind. The technology is branded  $d_2w$ ® and appears as a droplet logo on many thousands of tonnes of plastic packaging and other plastic products around the world, much of which has been recycled. In some countries, most recently Saudi Arabia, oxo-biodegradable plastic is mandatory for short-life plastic products.

d<sub>2</sub>w technology was studied for three years in the Oxomar project, sponsored by the French government, which concluded that plastic made with Symphony's d<sub>2</sub>w oxo-biodegradable technology will biodegrade in seawater significantly more efficiently than conventional plastic. See <u>https://www.biodeg.org/subjects-of-interest/agriculture-and-horticulture/the-marine-environment/</u>

Following this report, the scientists allowed bacteria commonly found in the open environment access to  $d_2w$  oxo-biodegradable plastic containing Carbon 13. They found Carbon 13 in the carbon dioxide exhaled by the bacteria, proving beyond doubt that the plastic had been bioassimilated by the bacteria.

Symphony has complemented its  $d_2w$  and  $d_2p$  product ranges with  $d_2c$  "compostable resins and products" that have been tested to US and EU composting standards and has invested in Eranova – a French company extracting starch for making plastics, out of algae. Symphony has also developed the  $d_2$ Detector®, a portable device which analyses plastics and detects counterfeit products. This is useful for government officials tasked with enforcing legislation, and Symphony's  $d_2$ t tagging and tracer technology is available for further security.

Symphony has a diverse and growing customer-base and has established itself as an international business with over 70 distributors around the world. Products made with Symphony's plastic technologies are now available in nearly 100 countries and in many different product applications. Symphony itself is accredited to ISO9001 and ISO14001.

Symphony is a member of The BPA (www.biodeg.org) and actively participates in the Committee work of the British Standards Institute (BSI), the American Standards Organisation (ASTM), the European Standards Organisation (CEN), and the International Standards Organisation (ISO).

Further information on the Group can be found at www.symphonyenvironmental.com and twitter @SymphonyEnv See also Symphony on Instagram. A Symphony App is available for downloading to smartphones.