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**DR. ALAN WOOD JOINS RUSTON POOLE INTERNATIONAL**

London based Ruston Poole International, a leading executive search provider to the Life Sciences and Healthcare industries throughout Europe, has announced the appointment of Dr. Alan Wood as Director of International Search. He joins the company having most recently been part of the global senior management team of Covance Inc.

David Collingham, the Executive Chairman of Ruston Poole International said, “We are absolutely delighted that Alan is joining us. He has built a reputation as an industry heavyweight, and his world-wide experience will further enhance the value Ruston Poole will be able to add to our clients as we continue to expand our international recruitment activities.”

Dr. Wood has spent over 25 years in senior positions within the international pharmaceutical industry. In addition to his time at Covance, he also held senior management positions at Quintiles Transnational Corporation and Novartis.

Ruston Poole International is strengthening both its consulting and research team at a time of planned growth in its service offering throughout Europe and in the Pacific Rim. Speaking about the appointment, Paul Edwards, the company’s Chief Executive said, “Alan’s appointment is very much part of our growth strategy, and again illustrates

Ruston Poole's ethos of attracting high quality industry professionals into the consulting team."

During its fourteen-year history, Ruston Poole International has grown to become acknowledged as the foremost specialist in its field in Europe. It has been independently recognised as the leading executive search 'boutique' firm in the UK for the past three years\*. Core services include senior management search, Non-executive Director and Chairman searches, and interim management. Clients include top 10 global pharmaceutical companies, not for profit organisations and emerging life science organisations.

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