

Press Release

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ABCAM Plc appoints new Chairman

The leading international Pharma and Life Sciences Executive Search group, **Ruston Poole International**, is pleased to announce that Michael Redmond has been appointed Non-executive Chairman of Abcam plc, following his placement by Ruston Poole as Deputy Chairman earlier in 2009.

Mike is a seasoned Board Director and Chairman, with both small and large life science company experience. He is currently also Chairman of Dechra Pharmaceutical plc. Abcam, based in Cambridge, UK, is one of Europe's most successful life science companies, providing antibodies to the research market worldwide.

David Collingham, head of Ruston Poole's Board search practice commented: "We are delighted at Mike's appointment as Chairman. He is one of the most experienced Board Directors in the life sciences sector and will, I believe, contribute enormously to Abcam's future."

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