

FastTrack Board of Directors Elects O'Neill as Chair

Toronto, March 14, 2016 – FastTrack's Board of Directors has elected Michael O'Neill as the organization's new Chairman, following a meeting today in Toronto. The President and CEO of BMI (Broadcast Music Inc.), O'Neill succeeds Hein van der Ree, who stepped down from the position after a nearly three-year tenure.

As the President and CEO of BMI, O'Neill oversees all of the company's business operations, both domestically and globally, and directs BMI's strategic growth to benefit the more than 700,000 songwriters, composers, music publishers and licensees the company represents. He was promoted to this role in 2013 after spending more than 20 years in a variety of roles at the company, including overseeing all of BMI's writer, composer and publisher relations and serving at the helm of BMI's licensing division.

"As the new Chairman of the Board of Directors, I look forward to working with the many performing rights societies that make up FastTrack and the talented FastTrack team to help further our collective goal of easier, more effective and more transparent rights management for the global music, media and entertainment industry," said O'Neill.

"Hein van der Ree had a huge impact on FastTrack's strategic vision," O'Neill added "His passion for music and his fervent wish to satisfy music creators and publishers made him a key player in the FastTrack movement to openness and willingness for more transparency."

Established in 2002 and owned by 13 collective rights management organizations from Europe, North and South America, FastTrack delivers broadly adopted technology solutions in the music, media and entertainment industries, aiding with timely, accurate and efficient compensation to rights owners.

Fast Track's technology powers most of CISAC's data exchange tools such as the widely used CIS-Net.

As a founding member of the FastTrack initiative, BMI has consistently made its numerous resources available to ensure that FastTrack functions as a valuable provider of technology and services to its community of users.



Eric Baptiste, CEO of SOCAN, the largest organization in the Canadian music ecosystem and also current chair of the CISAC board of Directors, was reconfirmed as Vice-Chair of the FastTrack Board of Directors.

"FastTrack has elected a formidable Chairman in Mike O'Neill, who I have enjoyed working with for many years," Baptiste added, "but he knows that he follows in Hein van der Ree's deep footprints. While we are all sorry to see Hein move on, we look forward to the positive imprint that I'm certain Mike will make on our important initiative."

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