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Announcing the resignation of Chief Executive, Susi Tegen, due to health reasons

On Sunday 18th September the Board was informed that Ms Susi Tegen would be stepping down from her role as Chief Executive of the Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) with immediate effect due to health reasons.

The Board has accepted her decision and understands this is a difficult time for Ms Tegen but we fully support her decision to look after her own health.

The MTAA Board and Members recognise and appreciate Ms Tegen's significant contribution to our industry.

MTAA Chairman, Gavin Fox-Smith said: "We are very confident the MTAA is now in a better position because of Ms Tegen's tireless efforts, but from the MTAA Boards perspective it will be business as usual.

We have a robust governance process in place and the Board in the coming weeks will begin the process to recruit a new Chief Executive.

Andrea Kunca, Director of Policy and Access and Allison Fox, Director of Business Operations will act as co-lead of MTAA during this Chief Executive transition," Mr Fox-Smith said.

The MTAA is a stronger and more diverse industry association thanks to the efforts of Ms Tegen who has continued to grow the membership and position the MTAA as the foremost voice for the medical device industry.

We will continue to work constructively with all stakeholders to achieve evidence and fact based reform that is in the interest of patients.

The MTAA believes the expanded Prostheses List Advisory Committee and new Private Health Ministerial Advisory Committee announced by the Health Minister working with all stakeholders is the right vehicle to delivering long-term evidence based reform, as well as ensuring that Australians have access to the latest medical technologies.

The Board deeply appreciates all staff members' efforts at this time and we wish Ms Tegen all the best.

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About MTAA

The Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) is the national association representing companies in the medical technology industry. MTAA aims to ensure the benefits of modern, innovative and reliable medical technology are delivered effectively to provide better health outcomes to the Australian community.

MTAA represents manufacturers and suppliers of medical technology used in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and management of disease and disability. The range of medical technology is diverse with products ranging from familiar items such as syringes and wound dressings, through to high-technology implanted devices such as pacemakers, defibrillators, hip and other orthopaedic implants. Products also include hospital and diagnostic imaging equipment such as ultrasounds and magnetic resonance imaging machines.

MTAA members distribute the majority of the non-pharmaceutical products used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and disability in Australia. Our member companies also play a vital role in providing healthcare professionals with essential education and training to ensure safe and effective use of medical technology.