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UK SPORT CONGRATULATES DE VOS ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO UK ATHLETICS

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De Vos takes up his position in May
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UK Sport today congratulated Niels de Vos on his appointment as the new Chief Executive of UK Athletics.

De Vos, currently the Chief Executive of Sale Sharks rugby union club, replaces David Moorcroft who will step down this week after nine years at UK Athletics.

The appointment comes fresh on the back of that of Ed Warner, who was recently named as UK Athletics' first ever Chairman. Warner will assume responsibility for the day to day running of the Governing Body until de Vos takes up his new position in May.

De Vos joins UKA with a wealth of experience in sports administration at the highest level. As Chief Executive of Sale Sharks, he has overseen an unprecedented period of success both on and off the field, with the club being crowned Premiership Champions for the first time in their history in 2006. Previously he was the Commercial Director for the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester.

Welcoming the appointment, UK Sport's Chief Executive, John Steele said: "Niels' appointment is a significant step in the restructuring of UK Athletics. Following on from the recent appointment of a new Chair, the senior team is now in place to drive forward change and make sure the sport is best able to meet the enormous challenges it faces. UK Sport's investment in and support for Athletics is substantial and I look forward to working with

Niels in his new role to ensure the benefits are maximised."

"I am thrilled and honoured to have been entrusted with the role of Chief Executive of UK Athletics," said de Vos. "Athletics was my sport as a youngster and has long been a passion of mine. When the opportunity arose to apply my business and sports administration skills within UKA, I did not hesitate. My task will be to create a climate for success across the entire sport and to ensure that everyone in athletics is empowered and supported to fulfil their ambitions and to secure a vibrant future for the sport," he added.

"At the elite end of the sport, the focus will be on getting our top athletes to the start line in optimum condition to maximise their chances of medal success. That means providing them with the best possible environment in which to prepare for major championships, with the best possible support. In sport as in business the smallest of margins separates success and failure. Our focus needs to be on the detail that can make a difference both at the performance level and across our organisation," continued de Vos.

UKA Chairman, Ed Warner said: "We are delighted that Niels has agreed to become our new Chief Executive. He has a fantastic track record of delivering success at the highest level in sport, not just at Sale, but also at Manchester 2002. I am sure Niels will provide great vision and leadership for UKA. I have spent a great deal of time with him over the past few weeks and I believe he brings energy and drive to the role of Chief Executive. He has valuable experience managing organisations within elite sport. He knows what it takes to operate in a successful environment and to inspire others. I am looking forward to working closely with Niels to take UKA and our sport to new heights."

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