



## **Lady Judge Appointed Chairman of The LIFE Incubator**

Barbara Thomas Judge has been appointed chairman of the South Yorkshire-based LIFE energy technology Incubator, Europe's only business Incubator dedicated to developing renewable and low carbon energy products.

Lady Judge, who is also Chairman of the School of Oriental & African Studies, Deputy Chairman of Friends Provident plc, senior independent director of Quintain Estates and non-executive director of PA Consulting, has a strong track record working with early stage companies in the US and the UK, including a business Incubator.

The LIFE Incubator, which recently attracted £1 million investment from a City-based consortium led by institutional stockbroker Westhall Capital, has an excellent track record of identifying new companies with promising technology, and helping them to develop, attract early stage funding and eventually float on a public market.

Such companies include Voller Energy, ITM Power, CMR Fuel Cells and Disenco.

Philip Johnson, chief executive of the LIFE Incubator, says: "With a growing number of companies benefiting from the LIFE Incubator process we are ready to move to the next stage of development, to become a major force within the renewable and low carbon energy sector. A strong and well-respected chairman is essential for this.

"Lady Judge is best-qualified to help us develop the LIFE Incubator brand within the energy sector and wider."

Lady Judge says: "The LIFE Incubator has been quietly working with small companies with marketable ideas for renewable and low carbon energy products, developing them into successful companies.

"It is exactly the kind of Incubator Britain, and the global energy economy, needs and it is the right time to take the LIFE Incubator to a wider audience. This will be part of my remit for the LIFE Incubator."

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Note for editors

Lady Judge is a US-trained lawyer and business person, with substantial senior board experience as chairman, executive and non-executive director, with both British and American citizenship. She was a founder and past Chairman of Private Equity Investor plc, was Executive Chairman of Whitworths plc, was the first woman main board director of Samuel Montagu & Co. and of News International, among others. She was also a Commissioner of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.