

LowCVP News Release

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Andy Eastlake is new Managing Director of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership

Andy Eastlake has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP) – the organisation established to support the Government’s Climate Change Strategy by delivering greenhouse gas reductions from the road transport sector.

Andy has a strong background in mechanical engineering, spending most of his career to date at Millbrook Proving Ground where he has specialised for the last 15 years in powertrain developments. Andy joined Millbrook after a year’s training with Vauxhall Motors by whom he was sponsored to study for a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Southampton University.

Throughout his career, Andy has worked to ensure that robust data is used to prove the credentials of green vehicles and to demonstrate scientific integrity in the marketing claims of vehicles and systems. He has presented many technical papers across the world on issues surrounding the testing of vehicles, increasingly focusing on issues relating to vehicles’ carbon dioxide emissions.

Commenting on his appointment, transport minister Norman Baker said: “I look forward to working with Andy Eastlake in his new role as Managing Director of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership. The LowCVP is a valued partner in the challenging and important work to reduce carbon emissions on our roads. I am delighted to welcome Mr Eastlake and wish him every success.”

After graduating in 1987, Andy joined the team at Millbrook as a durability engineer, shortly moving to the emissions department to build a new laboratory and develop emissions testing procedures. More recently he has worked on consultancy projects for UK and European governments to develop testing procedures for hybrid and electric vehicles.

During his tenure with Millbrook Andy has been an active and enthusiastic member of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership. Following his election as Chair of the LowCVP’s Members Council in 2009 he joined the LowCVP Board. In 2011 Andy was named LowCVP Member of the Year after a vote of members of the secretariat. The Award was presented at the Partnership’s Low Carbon Champions Awards ceremony held in London last November.

On his appointment, Andy Eastlake said: “Having Supported the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership since its inception in 2003 out of the Powering Future Vehicles strategy I am excited about having the opportunity to help set the agenda in this vital area of policy.

“I am looking forward to working with the excellent secretariat team and with the Board, who I regard as both friends and colleagues, to create industry collaboration and government support towards the ultimate aim of carbon free mobility.”

Neville Jackson, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, Ricardo UK Ltd and Chair of the LowCVP Board of Directors said: "I would like to congratulate Andy on his appointment as MD of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership. The Partnership offers a unique multi-stakeholder perspective on the opportunities emerging in the move to Low Carbon Vehicles and we have much work to do in transforming the market. Andy will offer a new insight and drive towards this ultimate goal."

Andy is married with two daughters. An active volunteer in his local community, Andy has worked as a school governor, leading on sustainability issues, and as an organiser in the scouting movement. He has developed a passion for outdoor pursuits – particularly skiing and snowboarding – and for leading teams.

His passion for adventure nearly resulted in his downfall when, on a 5-day adventure on the Zambezi River, he was close to drowning in a section of rapids called the 'Devil's toilet bowl'!

Andy Eastlake will take up his post as Managing Director of the LowCVP on April 16.

Notes to Editors

About LowCVP

The LowCVP (www.lowcvp.org.uk) was established in 2003 to take a lead in accelerating the shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels in the UK and to help ensure that UK business can benefit from that shift. It has around 200 organisations amongst its membership from the automotive and fuel industries, the environmental sector, government, academia, road user groups and other organisations with a stake in the low carbon vehicles and fuels agenda. The LowCVP receives most of its funding from the Department for Transport but is increasing revenues from member contributions and other sources.

The Committee on Climate Change has identified Transport as one of the most challenging areas for reducing emissions in the context of the Government's overall climate change strategy. Road transport now contributes around 20% of total UK greenhouse gas emissions and the sector's share of the total has been rising.

Note: The LowCVP's 2012 Annual Conference will be held on May 10 at ExCel, London.

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