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Vault Ventures PLC Appoints Former NatWest Executive Gordon Merrylees to Strengthen UK Banking Deployment of Post-Quantum Strategy

Vault Ventures PLC ("Vault" or the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Gordon Merrylees as Strategic Adviser, leading innovation and business development.

The appointment reflects Vault's focus on institutional deployment within UK banking, where post-quantum security adoption is expected to emerge first among regulated sectors.

Gordon is a former senior executive at RBS and NatWest, where over a 36-year career, he held various leadership roles across entrepreneurship, commercial and institutional banking. Operating at board and executive level within one of the UK's largest financial institutions, he was directly involved in supporting countless entrepreneurs, early-stage start-up and high-growth SMEs, technology, innovation, risk and governance decision-making within highly regulated environments.

As quantum capability advances, financial institutions face increasing scrutiny around long-term cryptographic resilience and data protection. Banks are widely expected to be among the earliest adopters of post-quantum standards as regulatory and risk frameworks evolve.

Vault's strategy is centred on post-quantum encryption and long-duration security infrastructure designed for institutional deployment. Successful execution in this market requires credibility within banking procurement, alignment with enterprise risk frameworks and a clear understanding of how large institutions assess and prioritise systemic technology change.

In his advisory capacity, Gordon will support the Board in refining Vault's engagement with Tier 1 UK banking institutions. His experience inside RBS/NatWest provides direct insight into how security infrastructure decisions are evaluated, funded and implemented within regulated financial environments, including vendor approval processes and large-scale transition planning.

Brian Stockbridge, Director of Vault, commented:

"UK banks will be central to early post-quantum adoption. Gordon's experience at senior levels within NatWest gives us direct insight into how security infrastructure decisions are assessed and implemented inside regulated financial institutions. His appointment strengthens our ability to align strategic positioning with credible institutional pathways."

Gordon Merrylees commented:

"The transition to post-quantum security will be shaped by regulatory expectations and institutional risk frameworks. Financial institutions must prepare methodically for that shift. Vault's focus on long-duration security infrastructure aligns with how banks approach systemic technology change."

The Directors of the Company take responsibility for this announcement.

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