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TBI APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Toronto Biotechnology Initiative is pleased to announce the appointment of Bill

Laidlaw as our new Executive Director effective immediately responsible for

membership initiatives.

Bill brings to TBI a wealth of expertise in public affairs, human resources, fund

development and general management. Formerly Director of Government Relations with

Glaxo Wellcome, he has held many positions over the years including Chief Executive

Officer of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, President of the Empire Club of Canada,

CEO of St. John Ambulance in Ontario as well as Executive Director of the Ontario

Community Newspapers Association.

"We are excited about this major step in TBI's evolution and working with Bill as he

focuses on promoting the Toronto Biotechnology Initiative in the Greater Toronto Area."

says Grant Tipler, President of TBI.

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The Toronto Biotechnology Initiative is a non-profit organization committed to bringing together the worlds of research and government, business and finance to advance the growth of biotechnology in the Greater

Toronto Area and promote the region as a major international centre for biotechnology. The organization

was founded in 1989 and to date our membership consists of 35 corporations and 430 members.