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AGN INTERNATIONAL, LTD. welcomes new Chief Executive Officer

AGN International, Ltd., the 5th largest worldwide association of accounting firms, announced that Malcolm Ward, a seasoned leader with a 30-year record at two international accounting firms, has been named AGN's CEO, effective June 1, 2014. He is based out of the AGN International Executive Office in London UK.

Ward's predecessor, Nicholas Blake, retired May 27, 2014 after 18 years at the organization's helm.

Ward is a Chartered Accountant and was London Managing Partner and a UK Main Board member at Grant Thornton UK before leading Grant Thornton International's Asia Pacific region where he oversaw a period of record growth, the establishment of outsourced shared services and much merger and development activity throughout the geography.

Prior to joining Grant Thornton in 1992, Ward was in the London UK offices of a PWC predecessor firm.

Randy Redwitz, AGN's International Chair and managing partner of Robert R. Redwitz & Co., Irvine, CA said, "*Malcolm's deep professional services management background, international experience and various high-profile roles mean that he will be a formidable new asset for AGN.*"

Redwitz was part of the committee which began the search for Blake's successor approximately one year ago. "*I firmly believe that the strength of Malcolm's leadership credentials will bring a very positive perspective to all our current member firms, our staff worldwide and prospective member firms as we grow AGN International into the future.*"

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Ward, who has been working closely with Blake and Redwitz since April, said, *"I am hugely excited about my new role. The global coverage and quality of the AGN organisation gives me a superb opportunity to leverage my accounting industry experience into a business model with enormous potential. I believe that the coming years will see many changes in our industry, and my aim is that AGN members and their clients will be amongst the leading beneficiaries as we develop new benchmarks for accounting associations."*

As part of his on-boarding, Ward, accompanied by Redwitz, will be attending each of AGN regional meetings. He was a special guest at the AGN International North American Regional annual meeting held May 18-21 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, CO, USA, where he had an opportunity to meet and address 150 representatives from the 43 member firms in the North American region.

Next stop will be the European Regional meeting in Madrid, June 12-15, followed by the Asia Pacific and West Asia & African regions' joint meeting in Bali, Indonesia on June 19-21. The visits to the regions will conclude with the 20th Annual Central and South American Regional Meeting in Lima, Peru, August 7-9.

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About AGN:

AGN INTERNATIONAL is an association of separate and independent accounting and consulting firms. AGN's members provide their clients with outstanding services wherever in the world they wish to do business. It is one of the Top 5 accounting associations and has currently 202 member firms with 476 offices located in 94 countries worldwide.

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