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Agreement between ABE and the Institute of Leadership and Management

Today ABE Global and The Institute of Leadership and Management announced an acquisition agreement. As a result, ABE will become an independent subsidiary of The Institute of Leadership and Management, a registered charity founded in 1947.

The agreement is described by ABE's Chief Executive, Rob May, as *"An exciting match of two successful companies with a great heritage, a shared vision, and complementary strengths."*

As a registered charity, The Institute shares ABE's commitment to promoting and expanding economic opportunity through the provision of relevant, accessible and affordable business education.

The Institute approached ABE for acquisition because it is a successful not-for-profit, working effectively in interesting and growing markets.

The agreement will enable both organisations to accelerate growth and advance the delivery of their social impact goals by benefiting from shared expertise and strong reputations in complementary markets.

Rob May explains, *"Combining The Institute's expertise in professional membership services with ABE's international business education offer will create an exceptional and truly differentiated experience for ABE students, as we look to shape the business skills landscape from the school room to the boardroom."*

ABE was founded in 1973 to promote a community of practice and lifelong learning in the fields of business and management, and to make these skills and qualifications inclusive and accessible to all. As we enter our 50th year, I am delighted to usher-in a new era for ABE, where we can dramatically accelerate our growth and strategic plan, expand our offering, and reach and impact more people than ever before."

Institute CEO, John Mark Williams shared his perspective: *"The coming together of TILM and ABE Global creates a new and exciting opportunity to promote and champion the Institute's founding principle that 'leadership is everywhere'. The two organisations are complementary in the markets in which we operate, and in the benefits we bring to existing and aspiring leaders and managers across the world. The acquisition brings talent and scale, and will help us leverage the presence and reputation of the Institute and ABE Global as the foundation for our further growth, and for enlargement of the community that is the real strength of the Institute. Most importantly, the two organisations share the same values-based ethos. With this acquisition, we accelerate a future where we reach the Institute's goal of connecting the leadership community of practice at every level, and 'Inspiring great leadership, everywhere'."*

Emrys Green, Chair of The Institute of Leadership and Management added, *"The next 75 years will be an exciting time for Leadership globally and The Institute's acquisition of ABE Global will further increase our international footprint and impact on the leadership community. It's an exciting*



opportunity to open up new opportunities for our current and future members, to develop greater insights into contemporary leadership challenges, and to work with a well-established organisation bringing considerable expertise in the assessment of leadership competencies on a great scale.”

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The Institute of Leadership and Management



The Institute is a professional membership body representing an international community of leaders, managers, coaches and mentors. It also creates worldclass tools, develops award-winning e-learning and undertakes practical research to help unlock individual leadership potential.

About ABE Global

ABE Global is a not-for-profit skills development specialist and Ofqual-regulated awarding organisation established in 1973. Its mission is to empower people to transform their lives and communities through gaining high-quality business, management and entrepreneurial skills.