

Bella Takiari-Brame joins the Board of Accordant. Laurissa Cooney signals her retirement in June 2024

Accordant Group Limited is pleased to announce that Bella Takiari-Brame has been appointed a non-executive Director of the board, with effect from 1 January 2024.

As required by NZX Listing rules, the Accordant Group Limited Board have determined Bella is an independent director as described in the NZX Corporate Governance Code.

Bella is a Fellow Chartered Accountant and Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors, and has a Masters in Management Studies with Distinction from Waikato University.

Bella has global experience in oil and gas and has led national and regional initiatives in energy and economic development.

Bella has Iwi affiliations to Waikato-Maniapoto. She is passionate about empowering communities through infrastructure, wellbeing, and workforce development at regional levels. She holds Governance roles in Iwi, Commercial and Crown entities.

Bella states “I am excited about joining Accordant and look forward to working with Simon, the Board and the team. I have strong alignment with Accordant’s purpose and its values, with a clear focus on the future of our country and its workforce”.

Accordant’s Chair Simon Bennett says “I am very excited to announce Bella’s appointment. We have spent many months getting to know her and believe she will be a strong performer for Accordant. She is a seasoned executive, who is very savvy and brings the personality and values that will be additive to our board and business.”

“Having signalled our plans with regard to someone to succeed Laurissa in her audit and risk role, whilst sad to farewell Laurissa, we are excited to have someone as talented as Bella to do so.”

Laurissa will have served four years on the board when she hands over. She has been a great contributor, working with passion, drive and integrity at all times.

The Group wishes her well and looks forward to seeing the contribution she makes across the wider business, social and environmental landscape of New Zealand.