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BUILD CHANGE EXPANDS ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Mary Lou Zoback and Grace Hanson Join Build Change, Saving Lives from Earthquakes and Typhoons

Denver, CO (April 2016) - <u>Build Change</u>, an international non-profit social enterprise, announces the appointment of two new members to its board of directors, Dr. Mary Lou Zoback and Grace Hanson.

Elizabeth Hausler Strand, Founder & CEO, said: "I'm thrilled and honored that Mary Lou and Grace have joined us. Both bring strong values and unique expertise to Build Change through their extensive experience in seismic hazard assessment and reduction, and the insurance industry, respectively. We are proud to continue to pursue diversity on our team and in the board room by adding these two incredibly accomplished women to our board."

Dr. Mary Lou Zoback is a prominent earthquake scientist, spending most of her career as a senior research scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey. She is a member of the National Academy of Scientists, and was most recently selected by President Barack Obama as a member of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board. Dr. Zoback is also a Consulting Professor in the Geophysics Department at Stanford University. From 2006 to 2011, Dr. Zoback served as Vice President, Earthquake Risk Applications at RMS, a leading global catastrophe risk modeling company. Previously, Dr. Zoback was Chief Scientist of the USGS Western Earthquake Hazards team. She has a PhD in Geophysics from Stanford University.

Grace Hanson is currently the Senior Vice President Chief Claims Officer for Homesite Insurance. Previously, Ms. Hanson served as the Senior Vice President and Global Chief Claims Officer for Allied World Insurance Company. Ms. Hanson was recently named by Insurance Networking News as one of their 10 Women in Insurance Leadership honorees for 2015. She has a J.D. from Tulane University School of Law.

Ms. Hanson and Dr. Zoback join the existing Build Change Board of Directors comprised of Board Chair Paul VanderMarck; previous Board Chair Dr. Martin J. Fisher; Board President, Founder & CEO Dr. Elizabeth Hausler Strand; David Friedman; Sig Anderson; and Joshua Litwin.

ABOUT BUILD CHANGE



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