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**Build** Disaster-Resistant Buildings  
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### **Co-Founder of Archipelago Analytics and RMS Hemant Shah and Director of Autodesk Inc.'s Robotics Lab**

### **Dr. Erin Bradner Join Build Change Board of Directors**

*Appointments Strengthen Build Change's Linkages to the Insurance and Software Industries*

**DENVER, May 30, 2019**— Build Change, a non-profit social enterprise working to prevent loss of life and property due to earthquakes and windstorms, has named Hemant Shah and Dr. Erin Bradner to the organization's board of directors. Shah is a repeat entrepreneur, having co-founded RMS (Risk Management Solutions), a company he led for nearly 30 years and grew to over 1,200 employees worldwide, as well as a new venture, Archipelago Analytics. In addition, Shah is also a Henry Crown Fellow of the Aspen Institute, and part of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. He has an MS and BS in Engineering from Stanford University.

Dr. Bradner is driven to discover how to leverage intelligent software tools to bridge the gap between a digital design of a building or product, and how that design is made in the physical world. She and her research team are developing tools so industrial robots can intelligently make things by sensing, responding and adapting to new information in real-time. Under Erin's leadership, Autodesk's Robotics Lab is using artificial intelligence and closed-loop controls to teach robots new tasks in manufacturing and construction. Erin also co-founded the Generative Design practice at Autodesk – she helped incubate the technology from concept to commercialization. She holds a PhD in Information and Computer Science.

"The addition of Shah and Bradner to the board comes as we celebrate 15 years and hundreds of thousands of safer families, but also at a critical time in Build Change's growth. We look forward to the contributions of these senior leaders" said Grace Hanson, board chairwoman and the Group Claims Director/ Global Head of Claims at Hiscox, Ltd.

According to Build Change Founder and CEO Dr. Elizabeth Hausler, "Partnerships with the insurance industry and Autodesk have been vitally important for Build Change. Archipelago Analytics is applying data, such as what Build Change generates pre- and post- disaster, to create new innovations across the insurance value chain. Autodesk software powers Build Change's engineering designs that help families around the globe live in safer buildings. Innovative thinkers like Hemant and Erin are deeply aligned with Build Change's vision of a more disaster-resilient world."

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#### **About Build Change**

Build Change saves lives in earthquakes and windstorms by working with people in emerging nations to build homes and schools that will protect their families and children. Build Change works to strengthen buildings before and after disasters strike in the Caribbean, Colombia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Nepal, the Philippines and the United States by improving local construction practice and building long-term resilience. More than 45,000 people have been trained in disaster-resistant design and construction techniques and have built over 61,500 safer homes, impacting more than 332,000 people. Visit [www.buildchange.org](http://www.buildchange.org) and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @BuildChange.