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CORPORATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Lak Chinta to be the new Chief Executive Officer

The Board of Directors has unanimously chosen Dr. Lak Chinta as Ongwanada's next *Chief Executive Officer (CEO)*. *Dr. Chinta* will succeed Alastair Lamb, Ongwanada's current CEO, beginning his new role on February 20, 2024.

After a comprehensive search process, the Board is pleased to have such a strong candidate to continue the leadership of Ongwanada.

Dr. Chinta brings over twenty years of broad-based leadership experience in both the healthcare and developmental services sectors. In addition, he has experience in social enterprise development, business strategy, innovation, marketing, fundraising, research and financial management. He has a background in autism and addiction and mental health services.

He comes to us from Lumenus Community Services in Toronto where he was Managing Director of Autism Services. He was also a Director at CAMH (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health) in Toronto, and has experience on several Not-for-Profit Boards.

Dr. Chinta has an MBA from the Rotman School of Management (University of Toronto), a Ph.D, Psychology (Neuroscience) University of Toronto, an M.Sc. E Mechanical Engineering, University of New Brunswick , Fredericton, and a B.E. Mechanical Engineering, University of Mysore, India.

The next few months will provide an opportunity to ensure a smooth transition into the CEO role and ensuring Ongwanada continues forward with its mission and vision.

Please join the Board of Directors in congratulating Lak Chinta, offering him your support as he assumes this important role.

J. David Ariss

Chair, Board of Directors