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President Obama Fills Vacancy on his Council of Advisors on Science and Technology

Today, President Barack Obama announced his intent to appoint Mark Gorenberg to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). Mr. Gorenberg, who has been a Managing Director of the software investment firm Hummer Winblad Venture Partners since 1990, will fill the vacancy created when Harold Varmus left PCAST to lead the National Cancer Institute last year. Previously, Mr. Gorenberg was with Sun Microsystems, where he managed emerging new media areas and was a member of the original SparcStation team.

"I'm delighted to welcome Mark to PCAST," John P. Holdren, Assistant to President Obama for Science and Technology and Co-chair of PCAST, said. "His hands-on experience as an innovator and venture capitalist in the high-tech sector and his leadership building bridges between business and the environmental community add significantly to PCAST's strengths in domains to which we and the President attach great importance."

Over the last 20 years, Mr. Gorenberg has served as a board member for numerous Hummer Winblad start-ups, including Omniture, AdForce, NetDynamics, and Scopus Technologies. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Corporation, the Steering Committee of MIT's Deshpande Center for Technological Innovation, and the Leadership Board of the McGovern Institute for Brain Research at MIT.

Mr. Gorenberg is also the current chair of the Board of the H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics, and the Environment. Mr. Gorenberg received a B.S.E.E. from MIT, an M.S.E.E. from the University of Minnesota, and an M.S. in Engineering Management from Stanford University.

PCAST is an advisory group of the Nation's leading scientists and engineers, appointed by the President to augment the science and technology advice available to him from inside the White House and from cabinet departments and other Federal agencies.

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