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### **Chairman of the Energy Federation of New Zealand**

Dr Rob Whitney is Chief Executive of CRL Energy Ltd, New Zealand's premier energy research, science and technology organisation. With a staff of 40, the main laboratories are in Wellington; with other sites in Christchurch, Hamilton and Greymouth.

He is Chairman of the Energy Federation of New Zealand, which is the NZ World Energy Council member committee. He is on the WEC Communications and Outreach Standing committee and was part of the WEC Energy Policy Scenarios to 2050 Steering Committee. He is an active member of the WEC Asia Pacific region recently hosting an Asia Regional meeting in Wellington. This meeting included a round table session on Climate Change, which included contributions from the New Zealand Minister responsible for Climate Change negotiations and from WEC delegates across the Asia Pacific.

CRL Energy is owned by the New Zealand Coal Industry and has Government research contracts for hydrogen energy, bioenergy, gasification, energy scenarios, environmental impacts of mining, and greenhouse gas reduction. CRL Energy provides technology, analytical and geological services to the coal, minerals and CSG industry. CRL Energy is a member of the IEA Greenhouse Gas R&D Programme and the IEA Clean Coal Centre.

Rob Whitney has a BSc (Hons) degree in Industrial Chemistry, a PhD in Polymer Chemistry, and is a Fellow and past National President of the New Zealand Institute of Chemistry. He is past president of Rotary Club of Port Nicholson.