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## **ProStrakan appoints former AstraZeneca VP of Global Licensing as Non-Executive Director**

**(Galashiels, UK, 24th April 2005)** ProStrakan Group plc ("ProStrakan"), the international specialty pharmaceutical company, today announces the appointment of Dr Michael Asbury as a non-executive director.

Michael Asbury qualified as a medical doctor in 1969. Following an early career in clinical medicine, he spent 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry, culminating in his appointment as Vice President Global Licensing at AstraZeneca from 1999 to 2002 where he had responsibility for establishing a group-wide licensing strategy. Before that, he was International Marketing Director with Zeneca Pharmaceuticals having joined ICI Pharmaceuticals Division (subsequently Zeneca) in 1977. During his career with ICI, he held a variety of senior marketing and manufacturing posts including, from 1986 to 1990, Executive Vice President, ICI Pharma, Japan.

ProStrakan Executive Chairman, **Harry Stratford**, said: "I am delighted to welcome Mike to our Board. We believe ProStrakan is well placed to continue to expand rapidly through organic, licensing and M&A growth. Mike's very broad experience in licensing and marketing gained over many years in the pharmaceutical industry will be of enormous benefit to the company as we fulfil our ambitious growth plans."

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