



## Media Profile

### Dr Adi Paterson - Chief Executive Officer

Dr Adrian (Adi) Paterson commenced a five year appointment as Chief Executive Officer on 1 March 2009.

Formerly General Manager of Business Development and Operations at the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor Company in South Africa, Dr Paterson holds a BSc in Chemistry and a PhD in Engineering from the University of Cape Town.

He has supervised Masters and PhD students and is a Member of the Academy of Science of South Africa and the South African Academy of Engineering. He is also past Chair of the South Africa Innovation Fund and was a member of the National Advisory Council on Innovation.

Dr Paterson has also undertaken post-doctoral work at the University of Leeds in the UK and completed the Program for Management Development at the Harvard Business School.

In the nuclear domain he has served on the Advisory Board of South Africa's cyclotron organisation iThembaLABS and was involved in reviews and restructuring of the Nuclear Energy Corporation of South Africa.

From 1984 to 2001, Dr Paterson worked at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (South Africa's equivalent to CSIRO), rising through a number of assignments to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer.

While at the CSIR he led the Material Business Unit for a number of years before taking on executive roles that included strategic investment of the Parliamentary Grant and the commercialisation of research.

From 2001 to 2006, Dr Paterson worked at the Department of Science and Technology in science policy roles. He was a key architect of the National Research and Development Strategy which redefined the funding landscape in South Africa, increased government funding for innovation, biotechnology, space science and the environment, among others.

Throughout his career, Dr Paterson has been involved in creating, establishing and developing science and technology institutions. His focus is on the interface between public spending and practical innovations that create wealth and quality of life – putting science and technology to work.

In 2009 Dr Paterson became a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.