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**Prestigious engineering prize appoints
Chair of Judges for 2017**

Renowned engineer Professor Sir Christopher Snowden to chair the judging panel for the 2017 Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering

The **Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering** (QEPrize) – the world’s most prestigious international engineering prize – is delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Sir Christopher Snowden as Chair of the judging panel for the awarding of the 2017 prize. The prize, awarded every two years, celebrates the work of engineers responsible for a ground-breaking innovation in engineering that has been of global benefit to humanity.

Sir Christopher, knighted for services to higher education and engineering, was recently appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Southampton. In addition to this role he is a member of the Prime Minister’s Council for Science and Technology, the National Centre for Universities and Business and a board member of InnovateUK.

A distinguished engineer, academic and businessman with wide experience in the microwave and semiconductor industry, Sir Christopher is a Fellow and former Vice President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, a Fellow of the Royal Society, and a Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET).

Speaking on his appointment as Chair of the judging panel, Sir Christopher commented: “I am honoured to be asked to Chair the QEPrize judging panel of internationally distinguished engineers. It is very stimulating to work with some of the leading engineers of our generation to select the winning nomination from among so many worthy candidates. The QEPrize is the highest accolade for engineers, recognising the most significant contributions around the globe and inspiring a new generation of engineers. I look forward very much to our work on the judging panel to find the next winning nomination.”

This announcement comes prior to the opening of nominations for the third QEPrize, which is scheduled for March 2016. Nominations will be accepted throughout the spring of 2016, with the winner(s) expected to be announced early next year.

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The **Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering** is a global £1 million prize that aims to raise the public profile of engineering and inspire young people to take up the challenges of the future and become engineers. The QEPrize was launched in 2011 to address the need for more engineers and to celebrate the remarkable achievements of today's engineers. There is no Noble Prize for engineering, the QEPrize aspires to fill this void, giving engineers the recognition they deserve. The QEPrize is awarded biennially and the search for the winner(s) demonstrates the importance of engineering to society across the world.

The previous winner of the QEPrize, awarded in 2015 by Her Majesty The Queen, was **Dr Robert Langer**, a groundbreaking chemical engineer based at MIT, who was recognized for his revolutionary advances and leadership in engineering at the interface with chemistry and medicine.

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The QEPrize is run on behalf of the QEPrize Foundation, by a team based at the Royal Academy of Engineering in the UK.

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Drive faster and more balanced economic growth; foster better education and skills; lead the profession; promote engineering at the heart of society.

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