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APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR JUDE DUNKWU AS A VISITING PROFESSOR TO THE UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Professor Jude Dunkwu is currently a Fellow of the Centre for Online Distance Education (CODE) UK, a fellowship of 44 thought leaders globally. He is recognised as a global leading expert in Strategic Business Management of Online learning following his groundbreaking research into the field. Jude will be making contributions towards the university's online distance learning strategy. He considers this role at University of Ibadan a home-coming one as he earned his first degree in Physics with honours from the university in 1995, as well as a master's degree in Industrial and Labour Relations (M.I.L.R) in 1998. According to him, *"University of Ibadan and Nigeria need to be strategically positioned to maximise the benefits of the wider acceptance of online learning that has resulted from COVID-19 pandemic"*.

Jude trained extensively as a management researcher and teacher. Following his MBA and first PhD qualification in Management as well as his core research and teaching in Strategic Business Management, he conducted his second PhD research into education management at the world's leading faculty of education, Institute of Education (IoE) UCL, London. There he carried out his multidisciplinary groundbreaking research and applied Strategic Business Management concepts and principles to education and technology in the field of distance online learning and teaching. This coincided with the COVID-19 pandemic era, which has since made his research highly consequential in the post-COVID-19 era. He earned a teaching qualification, Postgraduate Advanced Certificate in Education (PACE) in dialogic teaching, as well as M.Ed. degree in Educational Leadership and School Improvement (ELSI) from University of Cambridge. He holds several Fellowships such as those in Higher Education Academy UK (FHEA), Society for Education and Training UK (FSET), Chartered Management Institute UK (FCMI) and Royal Society of Arts UK (FRSA).

In his current role as a Fellow of CODE, Jude facilitates executive-level training and development workshops for heads of leading universities and Higher Education Institutions (HEI), as well as distance learning managers across the globe. He also teaches Strategic Management on the Global MBA programme of University of London and conducts research into AI's strategic implementation in different contexts, including how it can impact online distance learning and teaching. To further support this research role, he earned a certificate in Artificial Intelligence at University of Oxford. In previous roles, he taught business management courses in several UK higher

education institutions including Coventry University London Campus, QA Business School – University of Ulster, London campus and Hult International Business School, London where he was a Professor of Business Management Ethics. These courses include Marketing Management, Corporate Governance, Sustainability, Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) management and Project Management modules.

Before joining academia over 20 years ago, Jude worked in several industrial sectors such as banking, manufacturing and consulting. Some of the companies are FSB International Bank Plc, Metropolitan Bank Ltd, AFEX Bank Ltd and Mercedes-Benz ANAMMCO, all in Nigeria.

Professor Dunkwu has published his research in the fields of strategy, corporate sustainability, social entrepreneurship, dialogic teaching, educational management of special schools, online distance learning. He is a reviewer for leading academic journals, including Academy of Management Journal and is the Managing Editor of Reflecting Digital Learning. Jude has written a series of business case studies known as “Business Case Studies: African Perspective Series” for The Case Centre (formerly known as European Case Clearing House) touching on businesses in Africa. He is happily married and blessed with two daughters and two sons, and lives in London.

The University of Ibadan is Nigeria’s premier university, the first in the nation’s history and was formerly a college of University of London. Its Business School, University of Ibadan School of Business (UISB) is the first state-owned university Business School to be accredited by the Nigeria Universities Commission (NUC) and Professor Jude Dunkwu is a visiting professor of the UISB.

Thank you.

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