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PETER JENSEN AN ASSET FOR CANTERBURY

Christchurch-based building company Spanbild Holdings Limited is disappointed to be losing chief executive Peter Jensen, but believes he will be a real asset for the Canterbury community.

Government-owned company Southern Response has just announced the appointment of Mr Jensen as new chief executive of the organisation, which is managing the final stages of its earthquake insurance claim settlement process.

Spanbild chairman Don Elder says while it is disappointing to be losing someone of Mr Jensen's calibre, it is encouraging to see him take on a role that can make a positive difference for local people.

"While we are sorry to see Peter leave the team, we can understand why Southern Response has recruited someone of Peter's professional abilities and personal commitment, and why Peter wanted to take on a new challenge that will serve the Canterbury community," says Don Elder.

"We are also happy that Peter has left the organisation in an exceptional position, with a strong and capable management team and many new opportunities ahead."

Spanbild owner Bill Gee says he would like to pay tribute to Mr Jensen for his work on behalf of the company over the last six years.

"Under Peter's guidance, the company has entered a strong new stage of its development in the Australasian market," says Bill Gee.

"Thanks to Peter and the management team he has built, the company is in one of the strongest positions it has achieved in its 40 year history."

Mr Elder says the company will be conducting a comprehensive search for a new chief executive who can help build on the platform Mr Jensen has helped to create.

"We'll be looking for an exceptional individual who can take on what must be one of the most diverse and interesting roles in the local industry."

Mr Jensen will leave his position in mid-June, with Spanbild General Manager Commercial Kerry Edwards managing the day-to-day running of the business.

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