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Biographical Note for

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Dr David Hillson is an international risk consultant offering expert risk support across the globe, at both strategic and tactical levels. He has worked in nearly fifty countries and his consultancy clients include major organisations in construction, telecommunications, pharmaceutical, transport, fast-moving consumer goods, energy, IT, defence and government. David also leads the team at THE RISK DOCTOR PARTNERSHIP, based on his worldwide network with like-minded professional risk experts.

With thirty years of risk consulting experience, David is recognised internationally as a leading thinker and practitioner in risk management, and he is a popular conference speaker and author on the subject. He has written eleven major books on risk, and contributed to several others, as well as writing many papers, articles and briefings. He has made a number of innovative contributions to the risk process which have been widely adopted. David is well-known for promoting inclusion of proactive opportunity management in the risk process. His recent work has clarified the softer aspects of risk, including ground-breaking practical approaches to risk attitude, risk appetite and risk culture, and he has also developed a scaleable project risk methodology.

Dr Hillson has received a number of awards in recognition of his risk management work. For example he was named *Risk Personality of the Year* in 2010-2011 by the Institute of Risk Management (IRM). He was the first recipient of this award, given to honour the individual who has made a significant global contribution to improving risk management knowledge, whose experience and expertise enables them to effectively promote the message of strong risk management, and who provides inspiration to their peers in the risk profession.

David Hillson is an active member of the global Project Management Institute (PMI®), and he has received several awards which recognise his sustained and significant contribution to advancing the field of risk management in projects. In 2010 David was elected a *PMI Fellow*, and he has also received the *PMI David Cleland PM Literature Award* (2013), the *PMI Eric Jenett PM Excellence Award* (2011) and the *PMI Distinguished Contribution Award* (2002). David has contributed to the risk chapter of the *PMI Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK®)* since 1998, and he is currently Vice Chair for the *PMBOK Guide Sixth Edition update* (2016). He was also a core author of PMI's *Practice Standard for Project Risk Management* (2009).

David became an *Honorary Fellow* of the UK Association for Project Management (APM) in 2008, marking his contribution to developing the discipline of risk management. He is a past Chairman of the APM Specific Interest Group (SIG) on Risk Management, and he has co-edited three major risk guides for APM.

David was elected a *Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (RSA)* in 2007 to contribute to its Risk Commission. He led the RSA Fellows project on societal attitudes to failure, and is editor of *The Failure Files*. He is also a *Chartered Fellow* with the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), and a member of the Institute of Directors (IOD), reflecting his broad interest in topics beyond his own speciality of risk management.