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After 15 years of running Webanywhere as a successful self funded EdTech business, founder and Chairman Sean Gilligan has appointed Michael Marks as it's new Managing Director. Michael joins Webanywhere with over 35 years technology experience, most recently at Smoothwall as their CEO - based in Leeds. Joining Michael is Nicola Sharp - Webanywhere's New Finance Director bringing a wealth of financial experience to the board in the EdTech arena, Nicola also joins from Smoothwall where she was the Group CFO. Both Michael and Nicola bring many years of growing successful Tech businesses in the UK and internationally. Alongside Michael and Nicola a new Sales Director Andrew Court joins Webanywhere

from Cascade HR where he helped grow the business substantially over a 10 year period. In Poland, Michal Woch joins the business as Operations Director and has previously worked with Smart Education.

Sean will continue as Chairman of Webanywhere, spending more time on his passions which include developing new products, building teams and entering new international markets. Sean has a separate vehicle for his start up businesses called Ventures Anywhere. Within Ventures Anywhere Sean has been focussed on Sound Branch a VoiceFirst platform for re-imagining voicemail.

Sean Gilligan said "Michael Marks started life as a software developer and has bought and sold a number of software companies and more recently has led Smoothwall. Both Michael and Nicola offer Webanywhere many years of relevant experience and are well placed to help us grow further in the USA."

Michael Marks commented "I am excited to join the Webanywhere team at this stage in their journey and lead them into an exciting future. The foundations are all there for accelerated growth with great people, great products and leading innovation. The company values of Webanywhere (proactive, curious, fun and flexible) are values that I am passionate about and have lived on a day to day basis throughout my career."

<u>Webanywhere</u>, formed in 2003 has grown to a market leading international e-learning business with offices in Leeds (UK), Chicago (US) and Katowice (PL). <u>Webanywhere</u> works with prestigious corporations as well as educational partners around the globe. <u>School Jotter</u> was developed by Webanywhere and is the leading provider of branded school mobile apps in the UK.

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