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NEW NORTH-WEST LEAD FOR PROFESSIONALS UNION

Prospect, the union for professionals, has appointed a new leader for its Liverpool office overseeing the support provided to 14,000 members in the north-west of England, north Wales and the Isle of Man.

Gill Wood has been promoted to the position of National Secretary and leads a 10-strong team of negotiators, organisers and support staff. She takes up office this month, taking over from Mike Graham who now heads the union's National Organising, Recruitment and Development team.

In her new role, Wood's chief areas of activity will include the union's campaigning activities around securing a balanced energy mix for the UK and the fight against the deregulation of workplace safety legislation on behalf of members in the Health and Safety Executive.

She joined Prospect in 2007 as a Negotiations Officer with responsibility for members in the civil nuclear sector, including Babcock Nuclear, the National Nuclear Laboratory and Westinghouse UK Ltd, among others.

Prior to that she negotiated for members in the Equity union representing performers in the arts and entertainment sphere. As a specialist organiser she worked with BBC management on issues relating to the rights and royalties for performers.

Wood said: "It is a great privilege to be able to provide support and assistance to our members where needed. I will be looking to ensure Prospect continues to develop its distinctive membership approach and maintains its position as an independent advocate for the employment and career interests of professionals across government and the wider UK economy.

"I believe it is vital that Prospect continues to strike a balance between providing protection as well as a vision for growth within the many industries in which our members work."

Pictures of Wood are available on request from the Prospect communications department via media@prospect.org.uk

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Notes to Editors

Prospect represents over 118,000 members in the public and private sectors working as engineers, scientists, managers and specialists in areas as diverse as agriculture, defence, energy, environment, heritage, industry and transport. It is the largest union in the UK representing professional engineers. It has 34,000 members working for Government departments, agencies and non-departmental public bodies.