Prentice L. Knight, III, is the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of CoreNet Global, the world’s leading association and professional community for corporate real estate and workplace executives of large corporations. Dr. Knight also continues to serve in his capacity as Chief Learning Officer for CoreNet Global, which is also regarded as the corporate real estate industry thought and opinion leader.

As Interim CEO, his responsibilities include strategic planning for and day-to-day operation of a globally dispersed network of more than 7,000 members in Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, Latin American and the United States, as well as support for over 55 local chapters worldwide. His responsibilities also include the management of more than 50 employees based in the Atlanta global headquarters and other locations including Brussels, Hong Kong, London and Sydney.

Dr. Knight’s learning team at CoreNet Global is responsible for the creation and delivery of research and education programs that advance enterprise success through effective strategic management of a corporation’s real estate, workplace and infrastructure resources. CoreNet Global learning programs include the Applied Research Center, the Executive Development Program (EDP), the Master of Real Estate (MCR) Designation, Discovery Forums, Chapter Learning Program, Summit Content Planning and CoreNet Global Communities.

Until 1996 Dr. Knight was CEO of the International Development Research Council (IDRC), which merged with NACORE to create CoreNet Global. Under his leadership IDRC expanded rapidly in membership, opened numerous chapters in North America, Latin America, Europe and Asia, and created new programs and services to meet the business needs of IDRC member corporations. Dr. Knight was a leader in the founding of IDRC Europe and served as first Executive Director of that organization.

Dr. Knight also served as the head of the IDRC Research Foundation, a nonprofit foundation that carried out research on strategic corporate real estate management. Corporate Real Estate 2000, a multimillion-dollar research program of the Foundation, was created under his leadership and has been widely acclaimed throughout the business world.

Before joining IDRC, Dr. Knight was a professor for 13 years at Dartmouth College and the University of Kansas. He taught courses and did research on regional economic development, business location theory and analysis, economic geography and regional research methods. He has published papers and made professional presentations on these topics.

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