## US adviser joins Board of Belfast firm

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AN experienced American executive and consultant in international business development has joined the Board of a Belfast based technology company.

Kathleen Hagan, who is based in Boston, joins Core Systems as a Non-Executive Director and Board Member

Kathleen who has 30 years leadership experience has advised companies and clients in international business, strategic business development, marketing, technology c o m m e r c i a l i s a t i o n, entrepreneurship and government relations.

Welcoming Kathleen's

appointment Patricia O'Hagan, Core Managing Director. said:

"We are very pleased that Kathleen has accepted our offer to join the Board of Core. We have worked with Kathleen for many years and she has great experience in advising high technology companies, like Core, to grow in international markets."

Kathleen said she was delighted to be joining the team at Core which she described as a "progressive" company.

"Core is an innovative and progressive company that has built a considerable reputation in the high security market for their biometrics technology. As the company develops new products for the prisons and high security markets I look forward to joining this great team as they continue to progress on this exciting journey," she added.

Prior to founding Hagan & Company which is headquartered in Boston. Kathleen has held a number of senior executive positions including Executive Vice President for the Entrepreneurial Resources Group where she advised growing and entrepreneurial ventures. Kathleen also directed the Invest Northern Ireland Technology and Development Centre in Boston, where she assisted leading Northern Ireland technology companies develop business in the US. Previously Kathleen

has also held various senior positions at Babson College, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Massachusetts Port Authority, and the United States Senate.

Core Systems has grown to become a leading provider of innovative technology solutions for high security facilities such as prisons. Its cutting edge biometric solutions play a vital role within the highest security establishments in the UK, Europe and the US.

Kathleen Hagan also writes a regular feature for the Business section of the News Letter focusing on the links Northern Ireland companies have with likeminded firms in the US.



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