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Biota appoints new Director

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Biota Holdings Limited (ASX: BTA) announced today the appointment of Mr Grant Latta as a non executive Director. He will also assume the Chair of Biota Audit and Risk Committee following the release of Biota's half year results in March.

Mr Latta is Executive Chairman of GCM Corp, Chairman of Optiscan Imaging Limited, TP Health Limited and Kailis & France Foods Pty Ltd. He is Deputy Chairman of Vision Systems Limited and a Director of Ricegrowers Co-operative Limited. He was formerly Deputy Chairman of Export Finance Insurance Corporation and sat on Australian Competition Tribunal to the Federal Court since 1998. Mr Latta has a B.Bus, MBA and CPA.

Biota Chairman, John Grant, said that Mr Latta is an experienced company director and senior business executive with strong financial management and strategic skills which he has gained through a depth of successful domestic and international business experience in large and emerging companies. John Grant said Mr Latta will make an important addition to the Biota Board.

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