# POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Position Independent Director – KVH**

**Date May 2021**

**Information about Government Industry Agreement (GIA)**

In November 2012, the kiwifruit industry gave KVH the mandate to represent the industry in readiness and response activities for wider biosecurity (outside of Psa).

As a result, in May 2014 KVH formalised a biosecurity partnership with Government on behalf of the New Zealand kiwifruit industry by becoming the first signatory of the Government Industry Agreement (GIA) Deed.

By signing the GIA Deed, government and industry are committed to a proactive and engaged working partnership to help protect our kiwifruit industry. GIA enables signatories to be part of the decision-making process around readiness and response activities for priority pests and diseases, so everyone has confidence that the best decisions are being made.

**Information about Kiwifruit Vine Health Incorporated**

Kiwifruit Vine Health is an independent, non-profit, pan industry body established in December 2010 to lead the kiwifruit industry response to the Psa bacterial incursion and more recently has been given the mandate to lead wider biosecurity for the kiwifruit industry. Kiwifruit Vine Health provides Pest Management Services under the National Psa-V Management Plan which includes monitoring Psa-V, managing diseased and abandoned orchards, imposing movement controls and taking biosecurity enforcement action.

# PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

The purpose of the Independent Director is to:

* Make a significant contribution to the strategic approach to wider biosecurity risk management for the kiwifruit industry
* Provide input and insight based on experience regarding wider Biosecurity matters to the KVH Board
* Compliment the skills that exist within the KVH Board related to the good governance of KVH

# COMPETENCIES

# Strong strategic skills

# Experience in the leadership and/or management of biosecurity risks especially looking at future challenges

* Understanding of risk management required for exotic pests and diseases that may threaten the industry
* Experience with regulators influencing the development of biosecurity policy settings, practices and procedures, and preferably with a relevant tertiary qualification
* Strong relationships with key industry, horticulture, regional & central government

# Finance and commercial experience desirable

# Experience in governance.

**PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES**

# Empathy for the interests of kiwifruit growers and their aspirations

# Skilled strategic and analytical abilities but also with a pragmatic approach

# The ability to communicate with logic and be persuasive in debate, respectful and concise

# Able to argue effectively for his/her views, but also accommodate the need for Board consensus

# Enquiring type of character who probes the facts and challenges assumptions

# Be able to display sound judgement and common sense

* Conflicts of interests are able to be managed

# A strong sense of ethics and what is right.

**REMUNERATION:**

Remuneration is an annual per diem of $17650.50 paid monthly ($1470.87) into your nominated bank account.

If you are interested in this position please send your cover letter and governance CV to Jacqui Craig (Company Secretary) by email to [jacqui.craig@kvh.org.nz](mailto:jacqui.craig@kvh.org.nz) by 15 June 2021.