David Wheeler

David Wheeler is Dean of the Faculty of Management, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia. The Faculty of Management comprises four Schools: the School of Business Administration, the School of Public Administration, the School of Information Management and the School of Resource and Environmental Studies as well as the Marine Affairs Program. The Faculty of Management at Dalhousie has a holistic and values-based approach to management education and research and is united by the philosophy of 'Management Without Borders'.

David Wheeler has published more than 70 articles and book chapters in a wide variety of academic journals, books, parliamentary inquiries and popular journals, and has delivered speeches to numerous conferences and events. He has written or edited three books and has done numerous television and radio broadcasts on environmental and social issues and business. David was principal author of *The Stakeholder Corporation* - the first business text to be endorsed by former UK Prime Minister, Tony Blair. He was an advisor to the UK Government on governance aspects of the Company Law Review, a member of the UK Government Advisory Committee on Consumer Products and the Environment and the Reference Group for Canada's National Report to the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10). He was co-founder of the UK business-led *Committee of Inquiry - A New Vision for Business* that reported directly to Prime Minister Tony Blair in November 1999.

Prior to his recent academic appointments, David was a member of the Executive Management team of The Body Shop International for 7 years overseeing a business operating in 50 countries with worldwide retail sales of $1 billion. As Executive Director of Environmental and Social Policy, David had strategic oversight of sustainability issues and non-financial auditing and reporting. In addition to these duties he was responsible for human resources and learning for the group. In his time with The Body Shop, David oversaw the publication of five Environmental Statements in line with the European Union Eco- Management and Audit Scheme. In January 1996, The Body Shop published its first comprehensive and independently verified social, environmental and animal protection audit statement - the *Values Report.* A second *Values Report* followed in January 1998. Both reports were rated top in a worldwide ranking by SustainAbility for the United Nations on environmental and social reporting.

David started his career in the water industry where he specialized in water pollution control. Later as a Senior Research Fellow at the Robens Institute of the University of Surrey he became a leading researcher and commentator on standards of drinking water and recreational water in the UK, achieving World Health Organization Collaborating Centre status for the Robens Institute. During his time at Surrey University David was a frequent consultant to United Nations and other development agencies working in water and sanitation programs in less developed countries. He supervised development projects in twelve countries in Africa and Latin America and co-developed the *DelAgua* drinking water test kit which is now used by development agencies in more than fifty countries worldwide. The invention won a national award, presented by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in 1990.

In his career David Wheeler has advised a number of organizations and individuals, including:

i) The Governments of Canada, Ontario, Nova Scotia, the United Kingdom, Botswana, Brunei, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru and Tanzania; Federal Government of Canada Departments advised include Environment Canada, Industry Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency;

ii) International development agencies including the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, the Red Cross/Red Crescent, Oxfam, the International Development Research Centre, the United Nations Development Program and the International Finance Corporation (World Bank);

iii) Companies such as BP, AMEC, Dofasco, EnCana, Novo Nordisk, TD Bank, Thames Water, The Body Shop, EML and WSAtkins;

iv) Research Organizations such as the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (Canada), the UK Science and Engineering Research Council, the British Geological Survey, the Water Research Centre and the Building Research Establishment;

v) Professional, civil society and other organizations and individuals including HRH The Prince of Wales, the UK Shadow Secretary for Environmental Protection, the UK Shadow Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Canadian Institute for Chartered Accountants, Greenpeace, the National Association of Local Government Offices, the Lancashire County Council, and the Devon and Cornwall Police.