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DICK COLTHURST APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TIGRESS PRODUCTIONS

Endemol UK today announced that Dick Colthurst has been promoted to Managing Director of its factual indie Tigress Productions.

Dick joined Tigress in 2005 from the BBC where he was an Executive Producer responsible for programmes including '999', 'Ray Mears' Bushcraft' and innovative projects such as 'The Trench'.

His brief as Executive Producer at Tigress was to develop a portfolio of adventure programming for the company, which had previously been best known as a wildlife producer. This started with three series of *Everest: Beyond the Limit* for Discovery, following ordinary people to the summit.

Numerous series shot in remote parts of the world followed including *Edge of Existence* and *Return of the Tribe* for Five, *Around the World in 80 Trades* and *Alone in the Wild* for Channel 4 plus in 2011, a celebrity version of *Alone in the Wild* for Discovery featuring Freddie Flintoff, Jason Gardiner and Joe Pasquale among others.

His enthusiasm for unpredictable and technically ambitious programmes helped reinvent natural history for Channel 4 with multi platform events such as *The Elephant: Life After Death* and *Hippo: Nature's Wild Feast*.

Dick, who has held the position of Creative Director at Tigress since 2009, takes up his role as Managing Director with immediate effect.

Lucas Church, Chief Operating Officer of Endemol UK comments: "Dick's drive and creativity has been a big part of the Tigress the success story. Having him at the helm strongly positions the company to continue its impressive growth and diversification."

Dick Colthurst adds: "I'm thrilled to be taking up this role. Tigress has an outstandingly talented and creative team and I'm proud to be a part of it. We have some incredibly exciting projects at various stages of development and production and 2012 is already shaping up to be a great year for the company."

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