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NEWS RELEASE**Anna Rathmann Joins JGI USA as new Executive Director**

(Vienna, Vir. USA) - JGI USA is delighted to announce that Anna Rathmann has agreed to join JGI USA as executive director, as of March 1, 2021. Anna is a proven leader with track record of successfully conceptualizing, building, and executing complex strategies across multi-dimensional organizations. She has an extensive understanding of the philanthropic landscape with an ability to leverage and facilitate complex funding strategies and partnerships. She also has direct experience establishing charitable entities in the US, UK, and Canada.

Anna Joins JGI directly from the Great Plains Conservation Foundation, where she served as its inaugural Director establishing and implementing sustainable wildlife, land, and community conservation initiatives throughout Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Botswana. Her experience also includes a lengthy tenure at the National Geographic Society, where she worked in a range of development and program management roles.

“Anna brings the right skill set to the organization at the right time, as we continue to strengthen and expand our capacity across a range of conservation and animal protection programs,” said JGI USA Board Chair Steve Woodruff. “She will lead a very strong team and we are excited at the prospect at all that JGI can accomplish under her leadership.”

RECRUITMENT BACKGROUND

In September 2020 a search committee was established to recruit an Executive Director for JGI USA. That position was vacant due to the resignation of the previous executive director. The members of the committee included JGI USA Board Chair Steve Woodruff, and JGI USA Board members Linda Berdine, Franklin Moore, Paul Baribault, and George Macricostas. Also, on the committee were Acting Executive Director Carol Irwin, and Vice President, Office of the Founder, Mary Lewis. The JGI Human Resource Department provided valuable support.

JGI had the assistance of one of the world’s top executive search organizations Heidrick & Struggles, who worked with JGI to analyze organizational needs, detail position requirements and qualifications, identify candidates and conduct a thorough recruitment process. Dr. Jane Goodall was consulted throughout the process.

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