



## **API appoints Daniel Lucas as Chief Financial Officer**

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Integrated healthcare services company API today announced the appointment of Daniel Lucas as Chief Financial Officer, effective from 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

A chartered accountant, Daniel Lucas was formerly Chief Financial Officer with publicly listed National Foods, which he joined in March 2004. Mr Lucas helped steer National Foods through a hostile bid from Fonterra and the subsequent sale to San Miguel.

Prior to this, Mr Lucas spent 10 years with multinational Unilever. His roles included four years as Finance Director of Unilever's Australasian operations which included Foods, Home Care, Personal Care and Ice Cream. Mr Lucas was also based in Europe for two years, where he was Senior Vice President, Strategy and Finance for Unilever's Home and Personal Care business in Western and Eastern Europe.

Mr Lucas' previous roles have also included seven years with Elders IXL (now the Fosters Group) involved in corporate strategy, M & A and investor relations based in London and New York. He started his career in Sydney with Deloitte.

API Group Leader Jeff Sher welcomed Mr Lucas to API and said Mr Lucas' appointment further strengthened the senior leadership at API.

"Daniel brings considerable experience in a broad range of areas including financial management, IT, logistics, investor relations, strategy development and mergers and acquisitions. He is a valuable addition to the senior leadership of API, and I look forward to working closely with him," Mr Sher said.

Mr Lucas replaces former CFO Chris Gardoll. Mr Gardoll who has performed both Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary Roles since 1998 will continue as Company Secretary.

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