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Essilor Group in Canada announces the appointment of Sanaz Malekeh to the position of Executive Director – Essilor Mission in Canada.

MONTREAL, QC – June 27, 2016 – Essilor Group in Canada is pleased to announce today the appointment of **Sanaz Malekeh** (formerly Sheila Bissonnette) to the position of **Executive Director – Essilor Mission in Canada**.

Marc Tersigni, Chief Strategic Officer states, "Our mission is to improve lives by improving sight, through serving all 35 million Canadians, who need to correct and protect their vision.

Essilor Group in Canada will enhance collaboration with eye care professionals, in order to create deeper advocacy and consumer awareness for the importance of vision health and eye protection. In her new role, Sanaz will assume the lead for [Vision Impact Institute](#) in Canada to establish advocacy and awareness for uncorrected refractive error (URE).

Through new synergistic partnerships with eye care professionals, Essilor Group in Canada will also define opportunities to improve access to eye care and eye wear in Canada's under-served populations.

Our philanthropic outreach and activities will now be directed under [Essilor Vision Foundation](#). Sanaz will act as Executive Director for the Vision Foundation of Canada, engaging network employees, partner organizations and our customers to make a meaningful and concerted effort in local communities by serving the most needy Canadian populations.

And, last but not least, being an environmentally sustainable company is essential for Essilor in demonstrating good corporate citizenship. Our recent recognition as the 5th company worldwide in [Newsweek's 2016 Green Rankings](#), creates a leading opportunity for us to communicate and lead in the Canadian market on the importance of environmental sustainability.

Sanaz's expertise as Essilor Corporate Communications and Community Relations Director and her previous experience as the Executive Director of Canadian Coalition of Eye Care Professionals positions her as the ideal candidate for leading the group's mission in Canada, through the acceleration of these four pillars."

The new role will report to Chief Strategic Officer for Canada and Essilor International Mission headquarters in Singapore.

"We firmly believe that our mission at Essilor can help transform people's lives and their economic futures through improved access to vision care. We are excited that we are now accelerating our efforts to help all Canadians enjoy the benefits of healthy vision." states Jayanth Bhuvanaraghan, Chief Mission Officer at Essilor International.

About Essilor

The world's leading ophthalmic optics company, Essilor designs, manufactures and markets a wide range of lenses to improve and protect eyesight. Its mission is to improve lives by improving sight. To support this mission, Essilor allocates more than €200 million to research and innovation every year, in a commitment to continuously bring new, more effective products to market. Its flagship brands are Varilux[®], Crizal[®], Transitions[®], Eyezen[™], Xperio[®], Foster Grant[®], Bolon[™] and Costa[®]. It also develops and markets equipment, instruments and services for eyecare professionals.

Essilor reported consolidated revenue of more than €6.7 billion in 2015 and employs 61,000 people worldwide. It markets its products in more than 100 countries and has 32 plants, 490 prescription laboratories and edging facilities, as well as 5 research and development centers around the world. For more information, please visit essilor.com

The Essilor share trades on the Euronext Paris market and is included in the Euro Stoxx 50 and CAC 40 indices.

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