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Mr. Hasson is the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Economy of Israel since January 2011. The Office of the Chief Scientist (the "OCS") in the Israeli Ministry of Economy is the government entity in charge of the execution of government policy for support of industrial R&D. The goal of the OCS is to assist in the development of technology in Israel as a means of fostering economic growth, encouraging technological innovation and entrepreneurship, leveraging Israel's scientific potential, enhancing the knowledge base of industry in Israel, stimulating high value-added R&D and encouraging R&D collaboration both nationally and internationally. A variety of ongoing support programs developed and offered by the OCS play a major role in enabling Israel to be a key center for high tech entrepreneurship.

For ten years prior to his appointment, Mr. Hasson was a general partner at Gemini Israel Funds, one of Israel's top tier Venture Capital firms. At Gemini, Mr. Hasson managed the Fund's investments in the communications, storage and consumer electronic sectors. He traveled and lectured extensively both in Israel and in the United States on Venture Capital and High-tech subjects.

Prior to his time in Gemini, Mr. Hasson spent a decade in leading telecommunication companies, such as ECI Telecom, ECTel and Tadiran Systems, where he fulfilled several duties in the fields of product marketing and business development.

Mr. Hasson holds a Bachelor Degree (BA) from Tel Aviv University in Economics and Middle East Studies (1997) as well as a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Tel Aviv University (2002). He is a graduate of the IDF's elite HAMAN-TALPIOT, Program, where he served as an Intelligence Officer of the Israel Defense Forces.