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Mr. Van de Zande is the Director and General Manager for Emergo Group. He is responsible for all operations of Emergo Group, which he founded in 1997 and as its CEO & President.

As CEO, Mr. Van de Zande had a consistent record of delivering results in growth, revenue, operational performance, and profitability. He spearheaded the international expansion of Emergo's operations and service offerings. Mr. Van de Zande provides guidance and support to Emergo's offices in 23 countries to date. In April 2017, Emergo was acquired by UL where Mr. Van de Zande currently acts as Director and General Manager of Emergo.

Between 1990 and 1997, Mr. Van de Zande worked in the capital of Europe, Brussels, Belgium and on European internal market issues and TransAtlantic business relations. Prior to founding Emergo, he served as Senior Commercial Specialist at the U.S. Mission to the European Union, where he monitored and reported on European legislation, particularly European Directives under the "New Approach," including the Directives related to medical devices and in vitro diagnostics. He also participated in the TransAtlantic Business Dialogue, providing support to the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and U.S. Ambassador of the U.S. Mission to European Union, the Honorable Stuart Eizenstat.

Mr. Van de Zande has published numerous articles on medical device regulations and related issues and is co-author of a series of publications on European product legislation for the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Institute for Standards and Technology. He is a frequent guest speaker on European regulatory affairs related to medical devices and in vitro diagnostics. Education: Post-Graduate Degree, Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), M.A. in Contemporary History, Radboud University of Nijmegen, The Netherlands.