

Adam O'Grady Becomes Lightbox's First COO



Lightbox has promoted Adam O'Grady to the newly created role of chief operating officer, effective March 27.

The executive will lead all aspects of supply chain and manufacturing activity for the [De Beers-owned lab-grown diamond company](#), it said last week. These include cutting, polishing, and jewelry manufacturing.

Since 2019, O'Grady has been general manager of the team from Element Six — De Beers' industrial super-materials and synthetic-diamond business — that operates the Lightbox lab.

"He is a transformational leader with deep knowledge of the [lab-grown diamond](#) category," said Lightbox CEO [Antoine Borde](#).

Prior to joining Lightbox, O'Grady spent his two-decade professional career at Element Six. He served in a series of general management and senior project roles in South Africa, China and the UK. In 2019, he oversaw the design and construction of Lightbox's \$94 million [manufacturing lab](#) in Gresham, Oregon, which opened in October 2020.

Correction, April 2, 2023: Details of Adam O'Grady's former and new roles have been corrected following a clarification by Lightbox.

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