The Senate and the Executive Committee of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev hereby resolve to honor

Patrick Drahi

In acknowledgement of an accomplished businessman and munificent supporter of global charitable causes, a bold entrepreneur who founded one of Europe’s largest telecommunication companies and led it to international success; with sincere regard for a man who began his career in the marketing team of Philips, and went on to establish and develop a thriving communication, cable and media empire spanning the globe and serving millions of customers; with appreciation for the CEO of the iconic Sotheby’s, a magnanimous benefactor who dedicates his time and resources to supporting education, culture and the arts, and whose generosity has benefited numerous organizations, particularly institutions of higher education; in gratitude to a member of the Ben-Gurion Society, for his partnership with the University and his invaluable contribution toward the establishment of the Drahi Innovation & Entrepreneurship Building on the University’s North Campus; and with gratitude to an ardent Zionist, for his dedication to the development of the Negev and the cultivation of science and technology worldwide and in Israel, for the benefit of all humankind,

by conferring upon him the degree of

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with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto

Prof. Chaim Hames, Rector

Lloyd Goldman, Chairman of the Board of Governors

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