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His research focus is to improve sustainable development worldwide by combining sensible business strategies with natural scientific research related to the chemistry of the atmosphere and its relation to climate and global processes. He is also engaged in strategies and collaboration to improve the way the results are communicated to stakeholders and believes that addressing global scientific issues requires a global approach at local levels. Therefore he is working towards building tools that local leaders and small to medium businesses can use to mitigate, adapt to and therefore continue to develop given the changing climate.

Prof. Goodsite has a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Arizona, USA; a M.Sc. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Southern Denmark; a Ph.D. in Atmospheric Chemistry and Climate Change from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark and a MBA in Global Management from Thunderbird School of Global Management. He presently has over 550 citations in 25 articles and has won the best paper award for 2006-2007 for Science of the Total Environment. Two additional articles have been noted for their seminal contributions to their fields. He is appointed as one of the lead authors in the forthcoming Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programs Global Report on Mercury in the Arctic and has a background of extensive field research in the Arctic.

He is a decorated military leader having been an intelligence officer in a Special Forces Unit, and the Commander and Special Agent – In Charge or Director of US Army and NATO counterintelligence units with active service after 9/11, including: The US Army Technical Counterintelligence Company, The Cyber Counterintelligence Activity, and Heidelberg Detachment, Allied Command Counterintelligence. He has managed resources in these organizations exceeding 800 million US Dollars. He has won the Marshall Award for Leadership excellence and was nominated for the MacArthur Award for Leadership. He has also served as a Liaison Officer to the Japanese Military.

Prof. Goodsite has been the founding head, Department of the Department of Physics and Chemistry at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) responsible for one of the largest multi-disciplinary natural science institutes in Denmark. From this position he established and formalized relations with the University of Delhi, India (DU), inaugurating a DU-SDU conference and cooperative office at DU, he is an advisor to DU with respect to their renovation and new climate research programme. He has been visiting faculty to the University of Pennsylvania in USA and to the University of Heidelberg, in Germany. He is an active teacher and enjoys teaching seminars to students where-ever he has visited. He presently has leadership oversight of his Departments 10 Ph.D. students and started the NERI Ph.D. student network. He has served as advisor or co-advisor for numerous B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. students in the fields of natural sciences, engineering and education.

As a business leader he serves on board of directors or board of advisors of firms and not for profit organizations in the US, Canada, Iceland and Denmark. He is in the process of starting firms in India, Denmark and the US. He has advised Danish Government officials with respect to policy and strategy especially in the fields of environmental and climate research and honours graduate educational programmes. He has served on the regional board of directors of the Danish Society of Engineering. He is presently the elected Danish Representative to the International Union of Pure and Applied chemistry, Environmental Chemistry Division.

He is 39 years old, a US citizen and married to a Dane, with three children together.