

## Karen heads Hitachi Rail Europe

**Karen Boswell has been appointed managing director of Hitachi Rail Europe.**

Karen Boswell joins Hitachi Rail Europe after a successful spell at East Coast Trains where she spent five years as managing director.

Hitachi Rail Europe is embarking on a rapid expansion as it prepares for the delivery of its Class 800/801 and AT200 trains. The company will also be continuing to attract new orders for rolling stock, ETCS and traffic management systems.

Says Karen, 'I was attracted to Hitachi by its excellent record of customer delivery as exemplified by the 395 Javelin fleet. I look forward to bringing into service a new generation of trains, which will deliver a step change in the experience for passengers and greater reliability for operators.'

A strong believer in people development, she went on, 'I believe people are the key ingredient, and I am looking forward to working with the wider Hitachi Rail Europe team,

developing our people, creating new and exciting opportunities for all whilst at the same time raising the bar in the customer experience.'

Boswell takes over the role of Managing Director from Keith Jordan, who will be taking up a new senior international role integrating Hitachi's Rail businesses: Ansaldo STS and AnsaldoBreda. Andy Barr will remain as Chief Operating Officer focusing on the rapid expansion of company operations.

Alistair Dormer, global chief executive of Hitachi Rail is delighted with the emerging senior team.

'Hitachi Rail Europe is now established as a strong player in the UK rail market and is well set for the next phase of expansion with the opening of the Newton Aycliffe manufacturing facility later in the year.

'I am delighted to welcome Karen and Nick to join our strong senior team to lead the company into the next phase of growth.' He added, 'I would like to wish Karen, Nick, Keith and Andy every success in their new roles.'

## New CEO for Murphy

**Steve Hollingshead has been appointed chief executive officer of J Murphy & Sons.**

Steve began his career with Taylor Woodrow Construction. He joined R O'Rourke & Son in 1989, becoming construction director in 1991 and playing a key role in the O'Rourke Group's acquisition of Laing Construction in October 2001.

Initially appointed as managing director of Laing O'Rourke, London and South East, he went on to become managing director of Laing O'Rourke's infrastructure, direct delivery, manufacturing and plant hire businesses.

Steve was educated at Hurstpierpoint College in East Sussex and Bristol University where he read a degree in civil engineering.

Says Steve, 'It is a great privilege to be joining one of the industry's leading infrastructure companies. With its rich heritage of innovative solutions, ability to self-deliver and entrepreneurial culture, Murphy has a very unique



place in the industry and is ideally positioned to capitalise on the growing opportunities in the market.

'The capability and talent that exists within Murphy are impressive, and I very much look forward to working with my new colleagues to grow and broaden the company's portfolio in the UK and overseas.'

Murphy Group is closely involved with infrastructure works for Network Rail, London Underground and Crossrail.

## Mark James to head Linbrooke's rail division

**Mark James, Network Rail's current head of engineering for signalling, has been named as the first managing director of Linbrooke's rail business.**

Mark, who joined British Rail at the age of 16 as an apprentice, trained as an engineer at Salford University. Graduating with First Class Honours, Mark became a signal maintenance

engineer at London Euston station before joining Railtrack as the zone signal engineer for the North West.

In the years since, Mark has worked for Jarvis Rail as divisional S&T engineer east and Atkins where he was part of the West Coast Main Line Modernisation programme.

After leaving Atkins in 2012, Mark joined Network Rail where he has overseen the restructuring of the leadership

and delivery planning of the internal Network Rail signalling design group and the reorganisation of the testing and commissioning assurance group.

Says Mark, 'I believe that the railway industry continues to be an amazing enterprise, populated extensively by trustworthy people who set out every day to give of their best and I am as proud today to work as a part of it as I was starting out in 1978.'



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