

Beresford-Groombridge bonus for SNC-Lavalin

SNC-Lavalin has announced two senior rolling stock appointments within its UK Rail & Transit team (formerly Interfleet).

Jason Groombridge (left) has been promoted to rolling stock director, while James Beresford has come on board as a principal engineer.

Jason first joined the former Interfleet business in 2005 and was subsequently appointed as business leader for passenger rolling stock in Australia. Since then, he has held several high-profile roles within the company's Australasian and UK operations.

Most recently, Jason was head of consulting for SNC-Lavalin Rail & Transit in the UK. His 20-year career within the rail industry also includes jobs at Railcorp, Booz & Company, National Express Trains, Wessex Trains and HSBC Rail.

James Beresford (right) joins SNC-Lavalin's Rolling Stock

Enhancements team from Bombardier Transportation. During his 15 years there, James led a number of key projects. His most recent title was cabs and interiors engineering manager. Previously, James worked for VBK Transport Interiors, Reckitt & Colman Europe, Metool Products and ABB Transportation.

'As a business, we have an established worldwide reputation for our rolling stock expertise, and I have every confidence that this product area will go from strength to strength under Jason's leadership,' says Michael Grace, regional director, SNC Rail & Transit UK.

'We're also delighted to welcome James to the team. His knowledge and experience will prove invaluable to our clients and to us.'

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Paul heads RFEM

The Rail Forum East Midlands (RFEM) has elected Paul Francis as its new chairman. Paul is managing director of Derby-based Porterbrook Leasing and sits on the executive of the Rail Supply Group.

Paul replaces former RFEM chairman Colin Walton who held the post for over 10 years and now becomes president.

Says Paul, 'I would like to congratulate Colin on his election as Rail Forum president, and I am very pleased that he has agreed

to continue working with our members to promote the East Midlands' rail industry.

'Transport Secretary Chris Grayling MP recently called our region 'Britain's transport engine room'. And so it is. As chair of the Rail Forum, I am determined that we will build on this reputation by helping to grow skills, stimulate innovation and increase exports, so that the East Midlands' rail industry can lead the way in delivering post-Brexit prosperity.' ●



Director for Linbrooke

David Clarke has joined Linbrooke as business development director. The move caps a dynamic career charting a 20 year rise to the top - the last 15 in the rail industry.

Graduating from Nottingham Trent University with a degree in business administration, David Clarke began his career in 1995 as an assistant manager for First Leisure PLC.

Continuing to work in a variety of management positions, David joined the rail industry in 2001 as Jasmin Plc's business development manager where he was key in selling their Customer Information System (CIS) to Northern Rail and Chiltern Rail.

He moved on to become the business development manager for Funkwerk in 2004 where he worked as an account manager for Network Rail, responsible for timetable planning software. Alongside developing the CIS business, he also successfully introduced Funkwerk's CIS system to the UK.

Joining Telent in 2007 as the business development manager, David was responsible for successfully developing its TOC

business, making Telent one of the UK's largest suppliers of TOC maintenance.

Progressing through the position of account director and on to sales director, Clarke helped further develop long term business growth in the UK rail market, planning all sales and marketing activity. Leaving Telent in 2016, David brought his expertise to Linbrooke to become the business development director.

With considerable knowledge and capability, David has fresh perspectives and views on how to continue adding value to Linbrooke's rail-based workstreams. His primary roles are to lead, direct and focus on rail client engagement and business development programmes alongside growing Linbrooke's growing client base. In his free time, David enjoys property renovation and attending football matches with his two sons. ●



Graduates for Costain

Costain has welcomed the 'Class of 2016' - a group of carefully selected graduates.

This year, Costain took on 65 graduates in 15 disciplines, including civil, mechanical and electrical engineering, finance, health and safety, procurement, design and technology.

The competition and quality of the candidates was extremely high, with 30 applicants for each graduate place.

Training started with a 'Boot Camp' at the De Vere Hotel in Daventry designed to introduce them to the company and spell out what is required to work as part of a business team.

Over the five days, the graduates heard from a number of

top directors and managers.

Says Tim Embley, Costain's Group innovation and knowledge manager, 'It is clear that another talented team has joined Costain. The careful selection of individuals, in line with our business strategy of 'Engineering Tomorrow', will deliver our business goals and continue to provide a range of services that address our customer's most pressing needs. They were especially interested in understanding how to deliver technical excellence through innovative services.'

During the week, the graduates focussed on soft skills like communication, presentation and decision making ahead of being deployed to work on their first projects. ●