

# People

## STRATEGIC RAIL AUTHORITY

Jonathan Riley has been appointed Executive Director, Freight, at the Strategic Rail Authority, having served in the post on an acting



Jonathan Riley

basis since January 2003.

In this role he will continue to lead the SRA's Freight Directorate in defining and developing the

freight aspects of SRA policies and strategies. In particular, Riley will have responsibility for freight policy in respect of Channel Tunnel, network development, grants and promoting the success of rail freight.

Having joined the SRA in 2000, Riley played a leading role in developing the Freight Strategy and the rail freight elements of the Government's 10-Year Plan. He has also led the Innovative Solutions in Rail Freight Competition, the review of Sensitive Lorry Miles and developed the new Company Neutral Revenue Support grant scheme.

Prior to joining the organisation, he gained extensive experience in the rail industry, working for both British Rail in financial and operational management, at

Thameslink in managing train service performance, and for a worldwide transport consultancy specialising in commercial analysis and designing strategic change.

Jonathan Riley said: 'I look forward to continuing to champion rail freight and the SRA's industry leadership role at this important time. In recent months, the SRA has made big strides with the launch of the Company Neutral Revenue Support scheme and the publication of the Strategic Rail Freight Interchange Policy, resulting in a clearer policy framework for rail freight to thrive. We are committed to continuing to engage with all stakeholders to secure further growth in the rail freight sector.'

## MOTT MACDONALD

Mott MacDonald has appointed Robert Gray as project director to head up and develop its signalling and operations business in Croydon. His role will include the provision of advice on appropriate forms of railway control systems, signalling asset management, railway operations, and independent safety assessment of novel and conventional signalling schemes and technologies.

Gray is a chartered electrical engineer with more than 22 years' experience of working in all areas of UK mainline railway signalling, including design, manufacture, installation, testing and commissioning, plus system safety assessment of signalling and

The chairman of the Rail Safety and Standards Board (RSSB), Denis Tunncliffe, has been appointed to the House of Lords. The former managing director of London Underground was one of 46 new peers appointed on 1 May. Len Porter, RSSB chief executive, said: 'Denis will be able to use his considerable experience of management in the aviation industry and the transport sector to promote transport within the House of Lords at a time when interest in the railways has never been greater.'

operational matters. He gained a wide knowledge of all railway disciplines through a Masters Degree in Railway Systems Engineering at Sheffield University.

At Mott MacDonald Gray has recently been working for Network Rail as project manager and safety assessor for the independent safety assessment of Stage A of the Manchester South Core Improvement project. This successful element of the project was to introduce novel Italian interlocking and control systems into the UK, and required detailed consideration of signalling, operations, human factors, rolling stock, permanent way,



Robert Gray

electrification and emi/emc disciplines. Gray has also been working on various safety assessments for the West Coast Main Line Route Modernisation project, including Class 390, axle counters and LED signals.

Gray takes over from John Corrie, who became President of the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers (IRSE) on 23 April. Corrie will continue to be active in Mott MacDonald as technical director in railways, and in his role as lead independent safety assessor for railway projects for a number of infrastructure controllers and operators.

Dr Andy Russell, Network Rail's company training and development manager, has joined Rail Training International as its head of training. Dr Russell has 22 years' experience in the industry, having started his career in station services. Prior to joining Network Rail, Dr Russell – who holds a PhD in management studies – was head of learning and development at London Underground. Simon Sheard, a business development consultant with Catalis Rail Training, has joined Rail Training International as business development manager. He has more than five years' experience in the rail industry. Previously he spent 10 years in sales and marketing.

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