

People



John Gelson and Richard Allan were recently recruited to GNER.

GNER

GNER has appointed two new recruits to its York-based Corporate Affairs team.

Richard Allan, 31, joins as external relations manager from the *Glasgow Herald* where he was transport correspondent. A graduate in politics from Glasgow University, Allan's new role is to look after GNER's route-wide relationship with external stakeholders, such as local authorities, regional development agencies and regional Government offices.

John Gelson, 38, joins as media relations manager after a career in newspapers and radio in the North East of England, most recently with BBC Radio Cleveland where he was news editor.

Alan Hyde, GNER's corporate affairs manager, to whom both positions report, said: 'I am delighted that Richard and John have joined GNER at such an exciting time in our development, as we work towards securing a new franchise. They will help to communicate GNER's plans and progress towards delivering a better and more reliable railway.'

INTERFLEET TECHNOLOGY

Mark Gardner has joined Interfleet from Bombardier Total Transit Systems, where he was project director for the Turnkey consortium constructing the Nottingham Express Transit light rail scheme. Formerly he was construction



Mark Gardner

manager and rolling stock engineer on the Lantau and Airport Railway project in Hong Kong.

A chartered mechanical engineer, Gardner has joined Interfleet as head of project management. He brings more than 30 years' project management experience in engineering environments, both in the rail and

oil industries. He has particular expertise in managing metro and light rail projects.

Interfleet Technology is also strengthening its presence in Australia with the opening of a third office there. **Peter Metcalf** has joined Interfleet from Bombardier Transportation as state manager, Victoria, to establish the company's new office in Melbourne.

A chartered professional railway manager and a fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers,



Peter Metcalf

he has more than 30 years' experience in the international rail industry, including the fields of business consultancy, new train introduction and fleet operation/maintenance. Metcalf started his career with the former British Railways Board Engineering HQ, where he progressed through a range of engineering positions, prior to joining Halcrow Transmark in 1996.

At Halcrow he was involved with a range of international projects, for both governmental and private clients, including European development agencies and major financial institutions. At the beginning of 2000 he joined Bombardier Transportation, where he was director of testing and commissioning for new-build products including Virgin and Meridian, prior to joining Interfleet.

CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK

Union Railways (North) Ltd, the client organisation for Section 2 of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL), has appointed **Bob Crease** as commercial director. The position is in addition to his role as executive director of CTRL (UK) Ltd, the owner of Section 1 of the CTRL, where he has been appointed to the Board.

Crease is a fellow of both the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and has more than 32 years' experience in major projects and maintenance in the rail industry, principally in permanent way engineering.

Other Board appointments within the CTRL project have also been announced. **Ted Allett**, CTRL quality and environment director, has joined the Board of Union Railways (North) Ltd, and **Kit Kaberry**, head of finance, has joined the Boards of

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at Westinghouse Rail Systems.



Corus has appointed Demetri Anastasiou as associate director, business Integration (South). Anastasiou, who has a background in civil and structural engineering, joins Corus from WS Atkins, where he has held roles in business development, commercial and business operations. He said: 'My experience in developing overseas markets will be key in assisting the business to successfully deliver its strategy.' Anastasiou will be based in the London office of Corus Railway Infrastructure Services.

CTRL (UK) Ltd and Union Railways (North) Ltd as finance director.

AIRPORT EXPRESS

Airport Express, the sales and marketing alliance for Gatwick,



Roger Johnson and Kathryn Abram

Heathrow and Stansted Express trains, has strengthened its sales team with the appointment of two new members.

Roger Johnson has joined in the new role of key account manager, with a focus on the development of Airport Express' current airline relationships and responsible for building new partnerships. Previously Johnson was with Austrian Airlines, as general manager in the UK. **Kathryn Abram** has joined as a sales administrative assistant, providing general support to the team. Abram has recently graduated from Sheffield University after studying modern languages.

Eleni Jordan, head of sales and distribution said: 'With the success of Airport Express, the expansion of the sales team has become essential to ensure we continue to service our current partners to a high standard as well as establishing new trade relationships.'