

# Darren James joins Keltbray as Group Chief Executive Officer

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The Keltbray Group, a leading UK specialist engineering services company, announces the appointment of Darren James as group chief executive officer (CEO). Darren will take up the role on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, when Brendan Kerr, the current CEO, will become the executive chairman.

Darren has worked for Costain Group PLC for over 30 years, most recently as chief operating officer. He

has a wealth of experience in leading high profile programmes for both public and private sector clients, often in highly regulated environments, across the UK. A civil engineering graduate of the University of Surrey, Darren joined Costain as an industrial placement student progressing through the organisation to the executive board. Prior to his current role he has held a number of senior positions with significant profit and loss responsibility, including Managing Director of the £1billion turnover infrastructure division and an executive board director for 12 years.

Brendan Kerr, said: "I am delighted with this appointment and welcome Darren to the Keltbray Group. He brings with him extensive experience across the key UK construction and infrastructure sectors where we operate. I look forward to him leading the team, driving growth through long-term client relationships and delivering on the potential that our unique capabilities create."

The company offers a unique self-delivery capability spanning key phases of the construction value chain – civil engineering, geotechnical, asbestos management, demolition, piling and reinforced concrete structures, decommissioning, remediation, rail, power distribution and transmission and environmental services.

It was founded in 1976 and remains privately-owned, directly employing over 2,000 people. Keltbray has worked on a range of high-profile construction projects including St Pancras International, Crossrail, HS2, The Shard, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Stadium, Earls Court and Battersea Power Station.

Darren commented: "'I am delighted to be appointed chief executive of the Keltbray Group and am very much looking forward to working with my new colleagues, customers and stakeholders in meeting today's challenges and unlocking the special potential the Group has delivering sustained growth going forward."

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