

Pennant accelerating in the rail sector following Track Access takeover

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Technical publications and training industry specialist **Pennant** is going from strength to strength in rail industry since acquiring Track Access Services.

With over 45 years' experience working in the industry, **Pennant** further increased its grip on the sector by acquiring the supplier of a wide variety of services to the transportation sector in 2019.

Track Access products and services is used extensively by Network Rail, train and freight operators throughout the UK and Ireland.

Since then, a vastly experienced team of camera operators, video editors and illustrators, have been producing material for drivers to assist with initial training, route learning and briefing for network change.

Will Bruce, Head of Operations (Track Access Systems), said "Our driver's point-of-view video, enhances with on-screen graphics, professional commentary and virtual reality modelling, provides an ideal platform for maintaining and upgrading route knowledge.

“The accompanying Track Access Route Maps are designed to provide all the information a driver needs to successfully navigate the railway in a format that is clear, concise, and easy to understand in an operational environment.

“All this is delivered via the Track Access Portal, our centrally maintained library for streaming to computers and mobile devices, which enables users to access the very latest information.

“Using our knowledge of railway operations and experience of video production we have also produced training and safety films for train operating companies that cover subjects such as driver only operations, fire evacuation procedures for newly introduced rolling stock and introductions to automatic train operation and ETCS for drivers.”

Last month the company celebrated its 63rd birthday. Since 1958, Pennant has evolved into a leading provider of technology-based training solutions and has become an established global supplier of Integrated Product Support (IPS) software and services.

This worldwide capability is supported by a highly-skilled, innovative and creative team spread across offices in the UK, North America and Australasia.

Commenting on the 63rd birthday, the Group’s CEO, Phil Walker said: “It is exciting being part of a technology-led company which is actively pursuing a strategy to expand its capabilities through innovation and acquisition, as demonstrated by the recent purchase of the R4i software suite and development of virtual training products. I look forward to the next phase in Pennant’s development.”

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