

Rail sector growth as Steve Featherstone joins Geobear as Senior Advisor

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Geobear is delighted to announce the appointment of Steve Featherstone as a Senior Advisor.

Steve joins Geobear from Network Rail where, as Track Programme Director, he was responsible for the safe delivery of Network Rail's programme of track and associated rail systems works valued at some £800m per year and delivered in collaboration with supply chain partners.

During Steve's eight years at the helm, safety performance was recognised with 8 Safety Swords of Honour from the

British Safety Council, engineering overruns reduced by 85%, high speed handbacks became the norm, volume delivery exceeded 100% of target and costs were substantially under budget.

Before taking over the Track portfolio, Steve was National Maintenance Director for Network Rail responsible for a team of some 18,000 people, overseeing the most significant improvement in infrastructure reliability and train performance in modern railway history.

Geobear CEO, Otso Lahtinen, said of the appointment "I am thrilled that Steve has accepted this new part-time appointment and I very much look forward to working with him. His reputation for encouraging innovation from the supply chain is second to none which makes him a great fit with our company."

Steve Featherstone said of his appointment: "I am really looking forward to working with Otso, Richard and the Geobear team to help them to grow the business. Geobear provides products and services to improve safety, infrastructure integrity and efficiency.

"It is great to be working with such an innovative company which has a track record of delivering solutions to significant civil engineering problems. I believe that many solutions developed for general construction can be applied to fix some longstanding railway issues."

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