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The latest edition of **RailDirector** leads with an exclusive interview with Liam Sumpter and Ross Moran from Network Rail, who were instrumental in coordinating the active response to the Stonehaven rail disaster back in August. The pair bravely open up about their mindset and emotions on the tragic day of the derailment.

Editor, Dean Bruce, said: "We're incredibly grateful that Liam and Ross chose to share their story with us, and our thoughts remain with everyone impacted and involved."

"The solidarity shown by everyone in the rail industry after this terrible tragedy is testament to the strength and togetherness of the railway family when disaster strikes."

Also featuring in December's edition of **RailDirector** are a number of other high-profile rail industry leaders, who reveal the challenges of battling 2020 and their determination and optimism for the coming year.

Darren Caplan, CEO of the Railway Industry Association (RIA), speaks about the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on the industry and what RIA members are feeling about the future.

Dean said: "2020 has been a trying year for many, but our features this month echo what we're hearing from businesses across the industry – people are optimistic about what the future holds."

Other interviews in this month's **RailDirector** include Sambit Bannerjee, Managing Director of Siemens Mobility UK, who reveals the company's commitment to investing in the future with its new train manufacturing plant in Goole, East Yorkshire.

Meanwhile, Natasha Hanson, Direct Rail Services' (DRS) Business Services Director, looks back on her achievements in improving equality, diversity and inclusion in rail, and unveils the secrets to her award-winning success.

This issue of [RailDirector](#) also sees the launch of Platform 1 – the first point of call for rail industry innovation – where we fix the spotlight on a series of upcoming products, services and organisations that are set to transform the industry.

Christian Wiles, who leads the RBD Publications team, said: “Platform 1 is set to be a big success. We’re showcasing before anyone else the innovative products and businesses that are set to take the industry by storm.

“We’re already receiving a lot of interest about next year – advertising slots are filling fast across the magazine including Platform 1.”

Dean concluded: “I’d like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year. Thank you for making us your rail industry magazine of choice. We look forward to working with you in 2021.”

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