

Xrail appoint Noel Travers as Managing Director

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Rail infrastructure services and survey provider Xrail Group has announced the appointment of Noel Travers as Managing Director to lead the company's expansion.

Noel brings to Xrail Group his strengths in business strategy and operational improvement. Building on Xrail Group's prominence in its existing market sectors, he will also help to drive the expansion across the UK and overseas. The new appointment is the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the rapidly expanding UK based railway engineering company.

Noel joined the railway as a British Rail sponsored Engineering Management Trainee in 1988 and trained for two years during his Mechanical Engineering degree at Loughborough University, later holding engineering and management posts in Chiltern Railways and Intercity West Coast.

Approached by Bombardier Transportation, Noel became Sales Director for UK, Ireland and South Africa in 2008 and held various Project Management roles, before spending 18 months as Interim Chairman and UK MD.

Noel joined Unipart Rail as Deputy MD in 2016, becoming MD early in 2017 in a planned transition to replace the retiring MD. In December 2018, Noel also became MD for Unipart Manufacturing Group, with overall responsibility for the Group's automotive and aerospace manufacturing businesses. Noel was also a main Board member for Unipart Group.

Noel is a Fellow of the IMechE, and is Deputy Chairman of its Railway Division. In addition to his BEng In Mechanical Engineering from Loughborough University, Noel also holds an MSc in Rail Systems Engineering from the University of Sheffield.

Munir Patel, CEO at the Xrail Group said: "We're really pleased that Noel is joining Xrail - We're moving from a position of strength to continue to transform Xrail Group for the future. With Noel now on board we have a complete and strong leadership team in place. All the team are really looking forward to working with Noel and I'm confident that we can continue to build on our recent successes and drive our strategic vision forward."

Noel Travers, Managing Director said: "I am delighted to be joining Xrail Group at a time when they have established themselves as a serious player in the Signalling market in the UK and internationally. I look forward to working with the team to continue the development of this excellent business."

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