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## **EB Team Strengthened for Rapid Growth**

IHC Engineering Business Ltd (EB) is pleased to announce the promotion of three key staff following a review of the company structure.

Martin Bingham becomes Director of Technology, Andy Eaton, Director of Production and Andrew Stevenson, Director of Sales. They will take responsibility for their new activities with immediate effect.

Following the acquisition of EB earlier in the year by Dutch ship building and dredging specialists IHC Merwede, EB has based the company's management structure on the two-tier Dutch model with Operational and Supervisory boards.

Toby Bailey, previously Sales and Marketing Director, has now moved to the position of Operations Director on the Supervisory Board together with Finance Director, John Young, and Managing Director and founder, Dr Tony Trapp. The three other founding members, Dr Tim Grinsted, Mike Watchorn and Dr Steve Agar will remain fully active within the business supporting both Boards with their technical, engineering and commercial expertise.




The new Operations Board will include Scott Boyes, Engineering Manager and Jane Hudson, HR Manager.

Commenting on the recent changes, Dr Tony Trapp said "I am delighted that three long serving members of EB have been promoted to key positions. Their enthusiasm and determination, coupled with the long standing experience of the existing team, will strengthen the management of the company and allow EB to continue its ambitious growth plans, delivering innovative equipment for a range of offshore applications around the globe".

Press release

Editors Notes:

1. IHC Engineering Business Ltd (EB), as part of the IHC Merwede group, is a world leading designer, manufacturer and developer of offshore and seabed equipment for the offshore oil and gas, defence, submarine telecom and renewable offshore power generating industries. With a team of highly qualified and experienced engineers, workshop facilities with quayside access, and the strength of the North East England supply chain to draw on, EB can rapidly supply innovative and successful turnkey engineering solutions. Please see [www.engb.com](http://www.engb.com) for more details.
2. With a background in naval architecture and offshore engineering, Martin Bingham joined EB in 2002 after working in Aberdeen designing specialist sub-sea vehicles, components and tooling. Since arriving at EB Martin has worked on a wide variety of projects and patented technology from rock dump ROVs, downhole geotechnical tooling, carousels, wind turbine installation and access systems, handling systems, ploughs and pipelay systems. Alongside leading the technical delivery of major contracts Martin has worked on the development of engineering processes and management structures to enable the company to tackle the larger projects that it now undertakes.
3. Andy Eaton (BEng, CEng, MIMechE) joined EB in 2004 from Intec Engineering as a Design Engineer and was Lead Engineer on a innovative Pipe Escalator System. Following completion of this project, he was appointed Commissioning Manager and then Production Manager taking responsibility for all construction activities as EB continued to expand. Andy played a key role in developing the company's Lay system market with recent successes including the delivery of Oceanteam's Carousel and being awarded the Saipem J-Lay System. His new role will include responsibility for Construction, Production, Procurement, Quality Assurance and HSE functions and as such he will have a leading role in the delivery of EB's sizable order book.
4. Andrew Stevenson (MEng, CEng, MIMechE) joined EB in 2004 as a Design Engineer from BAE Systems. After working as a Lead Engineer on a number of lay systems, he moved to the sales department where he played an active role in significantly increasing EB's sales in this area. In 2007 he established a dedicated consultancy department within EB (dubbed EBC) which now employs 10 engineers and completes a wide range of Front End Engineering & Design studies for international clients. Continued and sustainable growth will be a key feature of his remit as the company continues to seek new sales for its ambitious targets.

		
Martin Bingham	Andy Eaton	Andrew Stevenson