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Mike Donoghue announces his successor (but he is still on board)

In a recent statement to all staff, Mike Donoghue advised that he is stepping down as Managing Director at the end of 2006 with Arran Osman taking up this position from January 1st 2007. Mike will continue as Company Chairman.

In fact the transition is already taking place as Mike is now working part time with Arran gradually assuming his duties over the coming weeks.



Born in Australia in 1970, Arran had returned to the UK with his parents before starting school in Somerset. He worked for another transport firm before joining Langdons in 1992 as a Transport Operator and was appointed as Transport Director in 2004.

BLUEPRINT wishes Arran every success in his new position. He will have the advantage of having Mike Donoghue available for advice and support for a few years to come.

In addition, that same statement brought the news that Patrick Griffiths will become

Commercial Director at the same time as Arran takes up his position. Rob Swindells will change his title to Sales and Marketing Director.



Pat Griffiths was born in Portsmouth in 1969 and joined the Royal Navy (as a submariner) straight from school. After leaving the Navy

he worked in the quarrying business before joining Langdons originally in 1987 before leaving to work for an electrical wholesaler. However, he could not resist the opportunity to return and came back in 1992. Pat has a very long list of former job titles at Langdons and for the past two years he has been "Administration Director Designate".

BLUEPRINT anticipates that Pat's very wide range of skills will make him a very able director.

The "old guard" directors are delighted that they have been able to promote from within to fill these positions and they are confident that this will lead to a very smooth transition into a new era for Langdons.

Express Delivery

The Gerber Juice chilled operation has completed the transfer to the new purpose built warehouse at Express Park on the northern side of Bridgwater. This very large facility is racked out to hold approximately 10,000 pallets currently but has the space to increase that to approximately 15,000 pallets.

Langdons have now commenced a five year contract to manage the facility and most staff who were working on the Gerber contract at Showground Rd have transferred across the town to Express Park

the New Offices at Express Park



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Inside the vast Chill Store at Express Park



Loading Bays at Express Park

All change at Bridgwater



Since the Gerber move major changes have commenced at the Showground Rd site. A new two storey office building is under construction which will become the new Head Office for Langdons. The racking layout in the chiller is being re-configured to take Cool Country from Walford Cross (and hopefully other new business) and we are building a second 2000 pallet capacity freezer alongside the existing facility.

When all these developments are completed (scheduled for March 2007) the Chillnet operation will move into Bridgwater from Walford Cross together with all staff currently based at Walford Cross.

The Walford Cross site is already being marketed for sale and hopefully a new owner will take over the site after Wiseman Dairies move to their new creamery and distribution centre near Bridgwater in late 2007.

Christmas Message from Mike Donoghue

Another eventful year has almost come to an end !

A new depot in Yorkshire for the Chillnet partnership, the transfer of the Gerber Juice operation to Express Park and the commencement of major changes at our Bridgwater depot ahead of the Chillnet South-West transfer from Walford Cross next year are just some of the highlights.

Our Chillnet operation continues to go from strength to strength with over 1000 deliveries per day going through the network. When it comes to dual temperature, small drop movements we

can proudly claim market leadership in the UK and Ireland.

As I write this I am preparing to hand over the position of Managing Director to Arran Osman on January 1st 2007. I will however remain as part time Chairman concentrating on major projects so you have not seen the last of me yet !

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our hard working staff for your contribution and wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and may 2007 be a good year for you all.

Safety Certificates Awarded

The photographs show some of the nineteen managers from Langdons who successfully completed the prestigious 4-day I.O.S.H Managing Safely courses receiving their Certificates from Managing Director Mike Donoghue. The picture marked Group 1 shows (L to R): John Baker, Lee Helps, Mike Oliver, Sheila Burnett, MD, Andy Fitzavon, and Ron Smith. The picture marked Group 2 shows (L to R): Nigel Fitzavon, Peter Ardren, MD, Piers Graham-Hill, and Scott Walker. In addition the following staff also successfully completed the courses: Colin Payne, Gary Bevan, Jerry Edwin, Simon Pratt, Dave Couzens, Gary Norris, Margaret Butler, Tony Kane and Wayne Bridges.



Group 1



Group 2

Staff Spotlight

Sally Wheeler

Our spotlight for this edition falls on Sally Wheeler who works in the Chillnet office at Walford Cross.

Born in Somerset, Sally grew up in a transport environment as her father owns Wheelers Transport of Bridgwater, still trading today but specialised in machinery transport these days. Sally went straight from school into the family business where she worked her way up to become Transport Manager. After 20 years there she wanted to broaden her horizons and so she left to work for a plant hire firm before joining Langdons in 1996.

Sally spent a short time working as a transport planner in the now defunct General Haulage operation before it was closed in 1997 when she made the switch to the growing CHILLNET operation where, amongst other duties, she was responsible for setting up the first Customer Services Department. Today she performs a variety of roles including driver liaison and de-brief and admin duties. Having driven trucks herself, Sally says she understands what the drivers have to go through and she does occasionally offer a shoulder to cry on!



When she is not at work, Sally runs the family owned wedding car firm called "Vintage Wheels" which has a collection of mainly vintage cars for hire. Check out their website www.vintage-wheels.co.uk. She is also heavily involved in one of the local Carnival clubs (Newmarket) which had a very successful season this year, winning first prize in their class in all seven local carnivals.

Sally can occasionally be seen rolling up to work in the 1984 Bentley which is in their fleet. What a class act she is!

Langdons Football Team Wins Langdons trophy !

The Annual Langdons Charity Football Trophy was won in August this year by the Langdons team (in the red strip in the photo). Unfortunately space does not permit a name check for all the Langdons players.

Team captain Craig Lawton conducted a draw for the charity to benefit, which was won this year by St Margaret's Hospice in Yeovil and a cheque for £538.00 was sent to this excellent organisation.

Well done to all who gave up their time for a good cause.



We were very saddened to hear about the death of Peterborough driver Dennis Warrener, who died suddenly in his cab when stationary on 8th November. Dennis had worked for the company as a driver since January 2003. We extend our deepest sympathies to all his family.

Dennis loved his work and would have appreciated the floral tribute from his wife (pictured).