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## **Ricardo boosts rail strategy with key appointment**

**Following its highly successful diversification into the defence vehicles and renewable power sectors, Ricardo has announced that former Atkins director, Simon Scott, has joined the company and will assume responsibility for taking its rail business to the next level**

Ricardo has long been associated with the development and application of railway locomotive power systems and remains a leader in this field. With the drive to improve the overall sustainability of rail travel, Ricardo's knowledge and expertise in the automotive sphere is proving to be increasingly attractive as rail operators, fleet owners and regulatory authorities strive to reduce energy consumption in both new and existing rail systems, reduce whole life maintenance costs and extend asset life. Specific areas of focus for Ricardo include the implementation of innovative energy efficient technologies, the re-engineering of rail systems, the application of advanced noise, vibration and harshness (NVH) analysis and design technology, and improving the information environment for passengers.

Simon Scott is a rail industry professional with extensive experience in both main line and metro sectors, and is ideally placed to spearhead the next phase of Ricardo's rail sector growth. He joins Ricardo as global rail market sector director from Atkins where he was engineering technical director, rail, with responsibility for a range of significant engineering innovation programmes and carried rail board member responsibilities. Before joining Atkins, he held a number of positions associated with the London Underground network through appointments with Metronet Rail, where his final post was as head of fleet, signals, power and depots whole life asset management. Earlier in his career he also had positions with Cubic Transportation, Adtranz, British Rail, and Siemens. A Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology, Simon Scott has a bachelor's degree in electrical and electronic engineering from the University of Nottingham and an MBA from the Open University.



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Commenting on the appointment of Simon Scott as global market sector director, rail, Ricardo plc commercial director Stephen Clarke said:

“I am pleased to welcome Simon Scott to Ricardo and look forward to the valuable contribution he will make to the delivery of our global rail sector strategy. This is just the latest example of the increased sector-orientation of Ricardo which has seen us refocus our automotive activity as well as our development of adjacent market sectors such as defence vehicles and wind energy systems. In each case we have been able to provide Ricardo’s long-standing technology leadership and development expertise in the form of new product innovations delivering significant value to our customers.”

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