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RIA responds to announcement of Mark Carne retiring from Network Rail

It has been announced that Mark Carne, Chief Executive of Network Rail, will retire later this year.

In response, Darren Caplan, Chief Executive of the Railway Industry Association (RIA) said:

“I was saddened to see the news that Mark Carne is standing down as Chief Executive of Network Rail.

“Mark has always been a strong advocate of and supporter for the rail supply chain, seeking to ensure we were a partner where possible in Network Rail’s decision making process. He has also engaged closely with RIA’s membership at various events over recent years, and was regarded as a strong advocate and communicator of Network Rail’s aims and plans.

“Mark has overseen a huge change in the way Network Rail runs the railways, through the devolution of the routes and a shift to a more outward-looking organisation as recommended by the Hansford Review. He has also been instrumental in developing the Digital Railway, whilst presiding over one of the most intensely used railway networks in Europe, with a very strong safety record and growing levels of passenger satisfaction.

“We look forward to continuing to work with Mark until his successor is in place, and of course wish Mark the best of luck in the future.”

Notes to Editors

1. [The announcement from Network Rail can be found here.](#)
2. **About the Railway Industry Association:** The Railway Industry Association (RIA) is the representative body for UK-based suppliers to the UK and world-wide railways. It has some 200 companies in membership and the sector employs 240,000 people and contributes annually £11 billion Gross Value Added (GVA). It is also a growing industry with the number of rail journeys expected to double over the next 25 years and freight set to grow significantly too. RIA’s membership is active across the whole of railway supply, covering a diverse range of products and services and including both multi-national companies and SMEs (60% by number). RIA works to promote the importance of the rail system to UK plc, to help export UK expertise around the globe and to share best practice and innovation across the industry. www.riagb.org.uk