

Press Release

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RIA announces new partnership with Infrarail 2020 to provide even more for the rail industry

The Railway Industry Association (RIA), the voice of the UK rail supply community, has announced a new partnership with exhibition organisers Mack Brooks for their upcoming rail trade show Infrarail, taking place for the first time at Olympia London from 12 to 14 May 2020.

The partnership will see RIA organise at the show:

- **The RIA Hub:** An allocated space for RIA members that provides promotional benefits to the companies that exhibit there;
- **The RIA Business Forum:** A unique platform where visitors can hear from and engage with key industry figures, including clients, Tier 1 suppliers and more, about the latest projects, business opportunities and developments in rail;
- **The RIA Pavilion:** A new area with corner stands where smaller companies and individuals who did not attend Infrarail in 2018 can exhibit.

Darren Caplan, Chief Executive of the Railway Industry Association, said: “It’s great to be partnering with Mack Brooks for Infrarail 2020. Infrarail is one of the leading trade shows for rail infrastructure providers and a great opportunity for professionals to meet and network.”

“We’re delighted that the Railway Industry Association will be providing a number of activities across the three days, including organising presentations in the RIA Business Forum and offering a specific area for RIA member stands, with additional promotional benefits of being part of the RIA Hub. And, for the first time ever, we’re offering a new RIA Pavilion where smaller companies and individuals that are new to Infrarail can exhibit at corner stands, thereby offering a cost-effective way for these organisations to promote themselves and to see the value Infrarail provides.”

“We look forward to seeing the industry come together in May for Infrarail 2020!”

Nicola Hamann, Managing Director at Mack Brooks Exhibitions, said: “We are very pleased that RIA is continuing its long-term partnership with Infrarail. Their presence enhances the show considerably, providing excellent networking opportunities for professionals at the event.”

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Notes to Editors:**1. Infrarail returns May 12-14, 2020**

Infrarail, the UK's leading showcase of railway infrastructure technology and expertise, is taking place for the first time at the iconic venue Olympia London on May 12-14, 2020. The show will provide an excellent meeting point for key decision-makers, government bodies and associations such as Network Rail, Transport for London, Crossrail and Transport Scotland, who all attended in 2018. Exhibitors involved in track construction, maintenance, traffic management & signalling, ticketing and electrification will be present, including for the first time Network Rails' Signalling Innovations Group. Technical workshops, seminars and high-level speakers will once again be part of the Infrarail programme. The exhibition has been successfully organised by Mack Brooks Exhibitions (www.mackbrooks.com) for 25 years, making it a must-see event for everyone involved in the railway infrastructure and technology sectors. It forms part of a series of targeted trade events for the railway industry, including Railtex in the UK, Sifer in France and EXPO Ferroviaria in Italy, all taking place in 2021. For more information visit our website www.infrarail.com

2. About RIA

The Railway Industry Association (RIA) is the voice of the UK rail supply community. We help to grow a sustainable, high-performing, railway supply industry, and to export UK rail expertise and products. We promote and represent our members' interests to policy makers, clients and other stakeholders in the UK and overseas. RIA has 290+ companies in membership in a sector that contributes £36 billion in economic growth and £11 billion in tax revenue each year, as well as employing 600,000 people—more than the workforce of Birmingham. 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

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