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Acquisition Introduces New Talent to Rhead Team

Following another year of significant growth and the recent integration of the Alway Silver Group, professional construction services consultancy, the Rhead Group has announced a number of key appointments and managerial changes to their expanding operations.



Alway Associates Director, **Michael Rowlinson**, has been appointed as head of the Company's dispute resolution and avoidance practise.

With over 30 years of experience in the construction industry, Michael joined Alway Associates in 1998 having previously worked in commercial management in the building and civil engineering sectors, mainly with contractors.

"It is great to have someone of Michael's calibre on our team", commented Nigel Curry, Chief Executive of the Rhead Group. "He is a nationally respected and highly qualified contractual specialist. He has advised, lectured and worked with NEC3 and other construction contracts for many years and offers a wealth of experience in the commercial and legal issues affecting the sector from which our clients can benefit."

Michael has a master's degree in construction law and a post graduate diploma in arbitration. He is a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and Fellow of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors. He is an executive member of the Commercial Management Practices Committee of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors and the Chairman of that Institution's highly respected Contracts and Dispute Resolution Panel. He is also an external examiner for the University of Wolverhampton's Master of Science Degree in Construction Law and has been a regular speaker for Construction Study Centre since 2000.

Colleague and Alway Silver Director and Company Secretary, **Alex von der Heyde**, has also been appointed to the new position of Financial Controller for the Rhead Group.

Prior to joining the Alway Silver Group in 2004, Alex ran a number of specialist engineering companies serving the steel, paper, automotive, FMCG and defence sectors.

An experienced business manager with a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Cranfield University, Alex was responsible for setting up a Director's mentoring programme for the Institute of Directors South East Midlands branch, and was a director and council member for Picon (a trade organisation representing suppliers to the paper and print industry) and a council member of Metcom (a trade association body aimed at influencing the Government and organisations such as the CBI and Orgalime in Brussels).



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“As the scale and reach of our operations expand worldwide it is important that we make corresponding investment in our own infrastructure”, continued Mr Curry. “Alex has demonstrated great skill and acumen in a related role within the Alway Group and his hands-on knowledge will bring a timely boost to the Rhead Group support service functions headed by Barbara Moore.”

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