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25 YEARS OF GLOBAL RAIL CONSTRUCTION

Built on People, Partnership and Purpose

Twenty-five years ago, in August 2001, founders Marco Lombardelli and Ivan Holloway set out with a clear vision and an entrepreneurial spirit to build a company that would make a difference in the UK rail industry.

From humble beginnings as a specialist contractor, Global Rail Construction has grown into one of the UK's most respected rail infrastructure delivery partners, delivering complex design and build projects nationwide and supporting some of Britain's most important rail programmes.

Yet, whilst the projects, awards and achievements are important chapters in our story, they are not the true measure of success. **People are.**



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Looking back over the past 25 years, the success of Global Rail Construction has always been built upon the dedication, expertise and character of the individuals who chose to be part of the journey.

Some joined in the earliest days and helped lay the foundations of the business. Others came later, bringing fresh ideas, energy and ambition.

Together, they created a culture that values hard work, trust, respect and teamwork above everything else.

Those principles remain as important today as they were in 2001.

Over the years, GRCL has proudly played its part in delivering some of Britain's most significant rail and transport infrastructure programmes.

From major electrification schemes, resignalling programmes and station enhancements through to complex multidisciplinary design-and-build solutions, the business has earned a reputation for solving difficult challenges and delivering safely, efficiently and collaboratively.

Alongside long-standing delivery frameworks and projects for Network Rail, the company has also supported Transport for London (TfL) infrastructure programmes, broadening its contribution across the UK's rail and transport sectors.



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Projects such as Crossrail, the Great Western Electrification Programme, East Notts Resignalling and Barnt Green to Bromsgrove Electrification formed part of the company's growth story during its first fifteen years, following the achievement of its Principal Contractor licence in 2014, and helped establish the technical expertise upon which the business continues to build today.

The following decade saw Global Rail Construction continue to evolve.

Recent years have included major signalling and rail systems programmes, level crossing upgrades, infrastructure modernisation works and nationally significant projects such as Sizewell C.

Alongside this growth has been a continued commitment to innovation, collaboration and expanding the services offered to clients across the UK rail and transport sectors.

Like every successful business, however, the journey has not been without challenges.

Over twenty-five years, the company has experienced economic uncertainty, industry change, market fluctuations and the demanding realities of working within some of the UK's most safety-critical environments.

There have been difficult periods, lessons learned and obstacles that at the time may have seemed impossible to overcome.

But the resilience of the people within the business has always prevailed.



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That resilience has enabled Global Rail Construction not only to survive but to continue growing and adapting whilst maintaining the values upon which it was founded.

Importantly, not everyone who helped build Global Rail Construction is still with us today. Some former colleagues have moved on to new opportunities. Some have retired after distinguished careers. And sadly, some are no longer here to celebrate this milestone with us.

As we reflect on 25 years of history, we remember those individuals with gratitude and respect. Their contribution helped shape the culture, reputation and success of the company we know today. Their legacy lives on in the projects they delivered, the people they mentored and the standards they helped establish.

This anniversary is as much theirs as it is ours.



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Reflecting on the milestone,
Managing Director Marco Lombardelli said:

"Twenty-five years ago, Ivan and I set out to build a business that we could be proud of. Like most entrepreneurial journeys, there were moments of uncertainty, sacrifice and hard work, but always a belief that if we surrounded ourselves with good people and treated people properly, we could create something special."

"Looking back today, what makes me proud is not simply the projects we have delivered or the growth we have achieved. It is the people, partnerships and friendships that have been built along the way."

"I would like to personally thank every employee, client, supply chain partner and friend of the business who has supported us over the last twenty-five years. This milestone belongs to all of you."



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The business enters this anniversary year with renewed confidence and optimism.

Now as part of the wider
RSK Group of companies, Global Rail Construction continues to build upon its strong foundations whilst embracing new opportunities, new partnerships and new challenges for the future.



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Whilst much has changed since 2001,
the fundamental principles remain the same.

Deliver safely.
Support each other.
Do what we say we will do.
Take pride in our work.
And always remember that
our greatest asset is our people.

Twenty-five years is a remarkable achievement,
but it is not the end of the story.

It is simply the next chapter.

As we celebrate this milestone, we do so with pride in
our past, appreciation for the present and
excitement for what lies ahead.



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To everyone who has been part of the
Global Rail Construction journey, whether for
twenty-five years or twenty-five days,

thank you

You have helped build
something truly special!

