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ROLE OF SAFETY DIRECTOR

I am pleased to confirm that at the Plc Board Meeting on 30th May approval was given for Martin Cresswell to assume responsibilities of the Railway's Safety Director with effect from 29th August 2019 – the date of the PLC AGM.

Martin joined the Bluebell Railway 40 years ago and has been a working volunteer for a similar period, focussing his attention in the Loco Dept. A resident of East Grinstead, Martin graduated from Portsmouth University and joined British Rail in August 1979 as a Technical Officer moving into Civil Engineering as a graduate trainee. The safety dimension of his career started around 25 years ago and he is now Operations Safety Advisor for the Rail Division of Amey. Martin is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and, a Chartered Civil Engineer.

I would also like to take this to opportunity express my personal thanks and gratitude as well as those of the Board and the Bluebell Railway in general for the significant contribution that Chris White has made during his long tenure as a Director with responsibilities that included both Infrastructure and Safety. Worthy of specific mention here is Chris's help and leadership In delivering our Northern Extension project. The role of Safety Director is crucial to our operations and Chris has guided and positioned the Bluebell Railway well to meet the ever-increasing demands and expectations in the Safety arena.

I would ask that you join me in welcoming Martin and thanking Chris for all his hard work.

Dick Fearn

Chairman – Bluebell Railway Plc

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