

OLG welcomes new MD as growth returns to heavy engineering sector

A new managing director has been appointed at one of the Humber Bank's leading engineering firms.

Bill Warbey, who has served in an interim capacity since the departure of Brendan Conlan, has had the role made permanent, following "a dramatic turnaround in revenue and profits". OLG, a £25 million operation, specialises in consultancy, design and engineering for major process operators, while also providing recruitment and allied services.

In its recently published accounts, it had [reported a revenue increase for the first time since 2018/19](#), having suffered a 42 per cent drop through the pandemic and subsequent economic turmoil. Growth returning to heavy industry, with investment emerging in engineering, had been outlined.

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"I'm excited and honoured to be confirmed in the role of MD," he said. "Since my interim appointment I have been working on the strategy with the existing board of directors as well as getting to know everyone within the business. The business, together with the local area, has seen fantastic activity and growth recently and I have been working to position OLG to build on its past and deliver into the future."

“There will be a series of exciting announcements over the coming weeks as we look to strengthen the board and deliver on our vision to be the number one provider of integrated engineering services and recognised throughout the UK for delivering quality.”

Mr Warbey has been in position with OLG since February, joining the Immingham-headquartered operation from [a company it acquired in early 2020](#). BPE Design and Support, based in Winchester, was bought by OLG to aid its expansion, with Mr Warbey having worked there for almost 25 years. The technology-focused chemical and process engineering consultancy had a 45-strong team with revenues of £4 million, with staff working in the South East and at a satellite office in Cheshire, when it was integrated into OLG.

Mr Conlan, former chair of beacon training organisation Catch, was recently appointed as managing director of Grimsby engineering firm Allied Protek, having joined OLG from Centrica Storage as managing director, before becoming the group’s chief operating officer.