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New chairman for EAMA

The Engineering and Machinery Alliance has announced that Martin Walder, who has served as chairman for the past 12 years, is stepping down from that position. This coincides with his appointment to a new, international role within Schneider Electric, that of VP Industry – Automation Europe. Martin will be retaining links with EAMA, as vice-president of the alliance.

EAMA is delighted to appoint as new chairman Mark Ridgway OBE, DL, chairman and chief executive of Group Rhodes, a design, engineering and manufacturing group based in Yorkshire. The group is an active exporter and has previously won Queen's Awards for Enterprise in the International Trade and Innovation categories.

Mark has extensive experience, not only of manufacturing but also of promoting and representing the industry, both within Yorkshire and nationally. This includes being a director and past-president of the Manufacturing Technologies Association, interim chair of the government's Advanced Engineering Sector Advisory Board (AdESAB) and a member of the Advanced Manufacturing Supply Chain Initiative (AMSCI) Investment Board.

Mark was awarded an OBE for services to industry in 2011 and appointed deputy lieutenant (DL) of West Yorkshire in 2012.

EAMA is an alliance of trade associations in the machinery and component supply chain. It sees a flexible, productive and developing manufacturing supply chain as critical to UK economic recovery.

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