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## New Alliance Secretary for EAMA

The Engineering and Machinery Alliance has announced that Jack Semple is stepping down as Alliance Secretary after six years of service. He will be handing over to Paul O'Donnell.

EAMA chairman Mark Ridgway OBE, DL said "I'd like to pay tribute to the hard work that Jack has put in to the Alliance. He has served through some difficult times but has raised our profile and helped to tilt the policy agenda towards manufacturing in areas like Capital Allowances, Skills and Exporting. I, and all our members, wish him well in his well-earned retirement"

Paul O'Donnell has twenty years' experience of working for trade associations, membership bodies and institutions and is known to many in the industry as the former Head of External Affairs at the Manufacturing Technologies Association, an EAMA member.

Paul O'Donnell said "I'm delighted to be taking on the role of Alliance Secretary. I sat round the EAMA table, as a member, for eleven years when I was at the MTA so I understand the benefits that the Alliance offers to its members in terms of having their voices heard at the highest levels."

Mark Ridgway added "The Alliance Secretary plays a pivotal role in working with EAMA members to foster strong relationships with industry stakeholders, government bodies, and other associations. I'm looking forward to Paul building on Jack's successes."

EAMA is an alliance of trade associations working with government and others to strengthen the machinery and component supply chain in the UK. It does this by helping members to communicate and work with government and other bodies, by providing information and analysis, and through networking.

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