



PRESS RELEASE

Macfarlane Packaging strengthens management team

Macfarlane Packaging, the country's largest protective packaging supplier, announces the strengthening of its management team with the appointment of Phil Rees as one of the company's three Group Regional Directors.

Phil has extensive experience of the UK and European packaging markets and will join the company on 6th March, 2017 from Tri-Wall Europe, where he is currently Managing Director. Phil has also held several roles at packaging manufacturer, DS Smith.

The appointment follows a period of significant expansion for Macfarlane Packaging, which has made a number of acquisitions in the recent years and has also seen substantial organic growth.

Phil will join fellow Group Regional Directors, Adrian Cornwell and David Machin, and will be responsible for the company's operations from its Regional Distribution Centres in Exeter, Bristol, Gloucester and Coventry.

Commenting on Phil's appointment, Macfarlane Group's Chief Executive, Peter Atkinson, said:

"The scale and complexity of Macfarlane Packaging is increasing and, with more exciting growth opportunities ahead of us, this is the right time to strengthen our management team to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our customers. Phil is an experienced packaging executive and I am confident that he will make a valuable contribution to the business."

Phil Rees said:

“Macfarlane’s growth story is impressive and I am looking forward to playing my part in the company’s development going forward and to ensuring that Macfarlane’s customers in the South West and West Midlands receive the highest standards of service.”

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Notes to Editors:

About Macfarlane Packaging

- Macfarlane Packaging is the UK’s largest packaging distributor.
- Through its products, services and expertise, Macfarlane Packaging can save businesses time and money in their packaging operation.
- Headquartered in Glasgow, Scotland, Macfarlane Group employs around 800 people at 22 sites, principally in the UK and Ireland, servicing 20,000+ customers in the UK, Europe and the USA across a wide range of sectors including: consumer goods; logistics; electronics; food manufacturing and retailing; internet and mail order.

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About Phil Rees

2015 – Date

Managing Director - Tri-Wall Europe

2013 – 2015

General Manager - New Business Operations, Tri-Wall Europe

2009 – 2013

European Sales Manager – DS Smith Tri-Wall

2003 – 2009

Speciality Business Manager – DS Smith Tri-Wall

2000 – 2003

Packaging Service Centre Manager – DS Smith Packaging, Neath

1996 – 2000

Dev. & Eng. Mgr. then Ops. Mgr. – DS Smith Packaging, Cartons

1987 – 1996

Jamont UK (now Georgia Pacific) – Project Development Manager & Group
Industrial Engineer