

## Siemens Strengthens Thameslink Project Team

Ruth Humphrey has been appointed as Project Director - Depots, for Siemens Rail Systems. Based at the company's Westminster offices, Ruth will have overall responsibility for delivery of the Thameslink depots at Hornsey (London Borough of Haringey) and Three Bridges (Crawley, West Sussex).

Ruth has over 20 years industry experience gained working on both the delivery and commercial sides of engineering projects. Over the past 10 years she has led the delivery of a variety of rail construction projects across the heavy and light rail sectors. She has been involved in a broad spectrum of multi-disciplinary projects, from early design stages through to construction, commissioning and handback, into operation and maintenance.

In her new role Ruth will work in close collaboration with a range of stakeholders, from suppliers and contractors through to local councils and community groups, to deliver both depots within tight timescales and aligned to budgetary requirements. She will also work closely with recently-appointed Thameslink Rolling Stock Project Programme Director David Miller.

Ruth said "These two depots are critical to the success of the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project and I am pleased to be joining Siemens at such a pivotal time in the project delivery.

"Siemens already has extensive depot project management and build skills and I am looking forward to working closely with my new colleagues across the business to capitalise on these skills for project success."

Steve Scrimshaw, Managing Director for Siemens Rail Systems in the UK said: "I'm delighted to be able to welcome Ruth to Siemens.

“Her extensive expertise in delivering complex, high-value rail construction projects, will be invaluable as we forge ahead with this important project.”

The Thameslink Programme is a key element of the Department of Transport’s strategy for rail and is a major initiative to provide additional capacity and remove passenger bottlenecks on the London commuter network. The programme will allow the operation of longer trains on the Thameslink network at higher frequencies (up to 24 trains per hour) through central London’s ‘core’ section.

Siemens was announced preferred bidder for the project in June 2011. In addition to the provision and maintenance of new rolling stock for the Thameslink route (the Siemens’ Desiro City evolutionary platform), Siemens will also be responsible for the build of two new depots on existing railway ground at Hornsey and Crawley. This will take the number of depots that Siemens has built in the UK to eight.

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