

Flints Announces Managing Director Retirement and Leadership Transition

BACKGROUND:

Flints is the leading supplier of specialist materials, tools and hardware for scenic and prop construction in Film, TV, and Theatre in the UK. It was established in 1981, as a one-stop-shop, their amusing and informative catalogue (often described as ‘The Bible’ of the industry) can be found in virtually every theatre, opera house and production office in the country. The company recently moved from Deptford in London to Dartford in Kent.

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London, 23/06/2026 – Flints today announces that Ben Lyle is retiring from the role of Managing Director following more than 30 years with the business. Dave Clarke, currently Operations Director, will succeed him as Managing Director, with a six-month crossover period in place to support a smooth and thoughtful transition.

Ben joined Flints over three decades ago and spent many years as Finance Director before being appointed Managing Director in 2018. Since taking on the role, he has guided the business through a period of continued growth and evolution, underpinned by a strong commitment to people, customers, and long-term stability.

Reflecting on his upcoming retirement, Ben said:

“After more than 30 years with Flints, it feels like the right time to begin a new chapter. I’ve been incredibly fortunate to work with such dedicated colleagues and to have played a part in shaping the business over many years, including the opportunity to lead it since 2018. I’m pleased to be working closely with Dave during the crossover period and have every confidence in his leadership.”

Dave has been with Flints since 2004 and has developed a deep understanding of the organisation through his oversight of operations and key developments. During the six-month crossover period, he will work alongside Ben to ensure continuity, knowledge sharing, and a seamless handover.

Andy Repka, Finance Director, commented:

“Ben’s contribution to Flints over more than three decades cannot be overstated. From his time as Finance Director through to his leadership as Managing Director since 2018, he has embodied the values of the business. The appointment of Dave represents a natural next step, and the six-month crossover reflects our commitment to a careful and considered transition.”

Dave Clarke added:

“I’m looking forward to taking on the role of Managing Director and continuing the work that has made Flints such a respected name within the industry. The business has built its reputation on knowledge, service, and long-standing customer relationships, and I’m focused on carrying those values forward as we continue to grow and evolve. Ben has played a significant part in shaping the business, and I’m grateful to have his support during the transition.”

Following the six-month crossover period, Ben will formally step down from the board, leaving behind a strong legacy and a business well prepared for its next chapter.

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