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SRA Welcomes New Chairman

Welcoming Richard Bowker's appointment as the new Chairman of the Strategic Rail Authority,

Sir Alastair Morton said:

"I welcome the news that Richard Bowker is succeeding me as Chairman of the SRA. These are challenging times."

Mike Grant, the SRA's Chief Executive said:

"I know Richard well and look forward to working with him on the challenges that lie ahead both for the SRA and the rail industry as a whole. His commercial experience within the industry will be very valuable as the much needed industry restructuring takes shape.

"I would like to thank Sir Alastair Morton, without whose vision and energetic efforts the creation of the SRA earlier this year would not have been possible.

"A great deal has been achieved under his Chairmanship to equip the Authority for the vast range of duties and responsibilities it faces going forward."

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