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UpRight International Appoints NEW Head of Engineering & Manufacturing

Pat Kennelly has been appointed Head of Engineering and Manufacturing for UpRight International, the world leading manufacturer and supplier of Access Tower Systems based in Dublin, Ireland.

This senior position marks a significant development for the company who in the last twelve months, has undergone major changes to reshape the business following its decision to focus solely on its core expertise as a world class producer of aluminium towers, walkway systems, boiler scaffolds, aviation docking systems and specials.

Kennelly, 44 who lives in Rush, Co Dublin, is an accomplished individual who has worked in some of the world's top engineering teams, and for companies such as Glen Dimplex, Pratt & Whitney and Lotus. With over 26 years of engineering experience coupled with a BSc and an MBA – UI are confident that Pat will deliver a world class manufacturing enterprise aligned to our customers needs.

As a Senior Development Engineer for Lotus, Kennelly helped develop the twin turbo V8 engine for the Lotus Esprit and assisted in the development of the world's highest volume engine for General Motors. He is also no stranger to the international scene having lived in mainland Europe, working for organisations on several continents including the USA, Asia and Europe.



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At UpRight International, Kennelly takes responsibility for both the Engineering and Manufacturing functions. With two-thirds of the employees under his wing and a production facility of 120,000sqft, Kennelly is set to play a major part in the company's development going forward. Kennelly's tasks are many but initially he will work to develop a more customer focused operation and knit engineering and production into a seamless function.

Kennelly insists "We need to embrace technology, and drive a production facility that can compete with the best in the world. In taking this role I can see that UI are committed to investing in the business and have a workforce who can embrace change and are keen to deliver the best for their customers".

Business remains healthy for UpRight International with revenues increasing year on year and in less than three years the company has doubled its revenue. To cope with increased order levels, the company have recently added a second shift and changed the layout of the plant to improve efficiencies. Recent investments have included a new CNC saw and assembly table to increase both capacity and production efficiency.

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Images below:

Caption: Pat Kennelly is the new Head of Engineering & Manufacturing at UpRight International"



Caption: The new CNC saw is just one of the recent investments aimed at improving efficiencies in manufacturing"

