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Mark Moppett Joins DeSimone as Director in Integrated Engineering, Safety, and Technical Expert Role

Based in the UK, will work at the nexus of global company's growing array of specialized services

(NEW YORK, NY) Oct. 14, 2024 — Highly respected structural engineer and expert legal witness, Mark Moppett, has joined DeSimone Consulting Engineering as a director based in Manchester, England.

Mark's nearly 40 years as a practicing chartered structural engineer, coupled with his over 30 years of experience as an expert witness, make him a perfect fit for DeSimone. As Director, he will integrate and strengthen the company's structural engineering, forensics, and expert witness capabilities, in addition to deepening our understanding of and ability to comply with building safety standards, resolving complex structural design issues, and providing expert testimony in legal disputes.

Stephen V. DeSimone, CEO and Chairman of DeSimone Consulting Engineering, remarked, "As we expand our services to serve our clients worldwide, Mark's expertise in structural engineering, compliance, and legal areas will be invaluable." He added, "We welcome him to our Manchester, UK, office, and anticipate that he will be instrumental in helping our clients deliver innovative projects across industries."

Mark Moppett noted, "DeSimone's reputation in the built environment as a responsive, trusted, and highly skilled partner—built over 55 years—assures me that this move offers me the opportunity to contribute my diverse expertise at the highest level of service. It will also be great to work alongside some former colleagues once again. I'm excited to help the architects, developers, owners, and others that DeSimone serves, to create and reimagine exceptional buildings built with structural integrity and outstanding safety compliance, as well as guided by peerless legal counsel."

Mark began his career at Ove Arup & Partners in 1986, where he excelled across various divisions within the firm, including R&D, building engineering, and bridges. During this period, he contributed his expertise to several world-class projects including City of Manchester Stadium, Hong Kong Stadium, Imperial War Museum, and Manchester Art Gallery.

In 2001, Mark joined Booth King, eventually taking ownership and transforming it into a thriving practice with offices across Ramsbottom, Manchester, and Edinburgh. He tripled the size of the business, working with high profile clients on complex projects such as Maggie's Cancer Care Centre Oldham and No. 8 Bishopsgate, all while remaining a hands-on engineer. This 'leading by example' approach continues to define his career.

An inherent academic flair has seen him contribute to significant research on high-strength concrete and historic building repairs, including co-authoring publications for the Brite Euram Research project

Teaming up with Dr. David Brohn, MBE, an engineer whom he met earlier in his career, Mark also delivers courses on "Understanding Structural Behaviour and Design" for prestigious international consulting firms and professional institutions all over the world. In keeping with his commitment to shape young minds and address an industry skills gap, Mark is also a visiting tutor at Liverpool John Moores University, where he teaches practical structural engineering to architecture students.

Mark actively contributes to the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE), speaks regularly at industry events, and has served as an assessor for professional reviews.

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