



AEGIS Engineering Systems and University of Huddersfield sign a Memorandum of Understanding for R&D and Innovation Collaboration

AEGIS Engineering Systems and the University of Huddersfield have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support the collaboration between the two entities in R&D and Innovation activities as well as training programmes.

The signing of this MOU with the University of Huddersfield was one of the priorities for the new AEGIS Innovation service.

The University of Huddersfield and the Institute of Railway Research have a long history of working closely with innovative industrial technology companies and AEGIS represents a key new partner in developing innovative services and products for the rail sector.



Paul Allen, Director of the Institute of Railway Research says: *"We are excited to sign this new agreement and it was apparent from our first meeting there were clear synergies between our two operations. With this being a critical factor for a successful collaboration, I am confident we will develop a fruitful R&D partnership with AEGIS. We will be looking to work across a wide portfolio of activity from R&D, training, KTP programmes and direct support services to industry, an approach that should facilitate benefits for both parties over the coming months."*

Mario Ramos Garcia, AEGIS R&D and Innovation Lead adds: *"I was very impressed with the work the Institute of Railway Research at the University of Huddersfield is doing when we visited them. This agreement gives us new best-in-class capabilities in the RD&I arena, adding further value to the services we can bring to our clients. "*

Mark McCool, Managing Director at AEGIS concludes: *"This MOU is an important step in the AEGIS strategy to collaborate with the leading rail research academic institutions and industry organisations to accelerate the introduction of new products and services to the global rail market."*

Note to Editors:

About AEGIS:

AEGIS has been operating in the UK for over 25 years. Through our Engineering and Independent Certification businesses we offer engineering expertise, innovative solutions and the full suite of Certification Services to the international rail industry, including Passenger Rolling Stock, Freight, On Track Plant & Machines, Signalling, Telecoms, Civil Infrastructure and Electrification.

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About IRR/University of Huddersfield:

The Institute of Railway Research (IRR) at the University of Huddersfield is a world-leading centre that specialises in the provision of railway engineering research and innovation. Our work has helped the railway industry to reduce operating and maintenance costs, whilst improving service reliability and safety. Our core areas of expertise include railway vehicle and track dynamics, pantograph catenary dynamics, traction and braking, together with data science and automation to support smart maintenance of railway systems.

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