

CMAL appoints new chief executive

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Caledonian Maritime Assets Ltd (CMAL) has announced the appointment of their new Chief Executive Officer, Tom Docherty. Tom, who is a marine engineer, has held a number of senior management positions within the maritime industry and will take over from former CEO, Guy Platten, in April.

Tom, who is originally from Glasgow, was Managing Director at Red Funnel, which has operated a successful passenger, car and freight business between Southampton and the Isle of Wight for almost 150 years. Whilst at Red Funnel, his responsibilities included the ro-ro ferry and passenger catamaran services and ferry passenger services among many other projects.

To date, Tom's career has been largely spent in the south of England, working in ferries, towage and salvage vessels and the ports industry. His earlier career saw him operate at a senior level in the oil industry, including manager of the marine terminal at Fawley, Esso's largest marine terminal in Europe.

Grenville Johnston, CMAL's Chairman, said: "We warmly welcome Tom to the CMAL team. Tom's background and experience will be an excellent match for the future projects and challenges faced by CMAL as we continue to provide world class infrastructure support and ground breaking vessel technology across the Clyde and Hebrides."

Tom Docherty said, "It has long been my ambition to work with the ferry services that serve the Clyde and Hebrides routes. I very much look forward to taking up the post at this exciting time in CMAL's history and to meeting and working with the communities that CMAL's vessels serve."

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Notes to editors

1. CMAL own property at piers and harbours at more than 24 locations throughout Scotland and is embarking on a programme of investment and improvements, which will create better facilities.
2. In addition to its pier and harbour facilities, CMAL own 30 ferries, which are leased to CalMac Ferries Ltd for use on ferry services on the Clyde and Hebrides.
3. CMAL is a publicly owned company with Scottish Ministers as the sole shareholder.
4. For more information about CMAL visit: www.cmassets.co.uk