

TÜV Rheinland: Acquisition of Clearance Specialist D/Gauge enables Strategic Growth

UK Clearance industry specialist adds to TÜV Rheinland's portfolio / D/Gauge strengthens rail business in the UK and beyond / The Company becomes a subsidiary of TÜV Rheinland UK / www.tuv.com / www.dgauge.com

Derby, UK. 12 January, 2023. TÜV Rheinland acquired the UK railway clearance company D/Gauge. The acquisition has laid an important foundation for further growth in the rail technology sector in the UK market and far beyond. The company and its 28 employees will be fully integrated into the existing structure and will become a subsidiary of TÜV Rheinland UK.

D/Gauge are a business at the forefront of the clearance industry: seamlessly interfacing with the world of track maintenance, vehicle design and railway operations. They have developed a suite of services to support universal rail initiatives. One, to decarbonise the industry, and another, to drive the industry forward with digitisation.

In the UK D/Gauge is regarded as the leading consultancy and software company for the analysis of clearances. This essential service enables the safe integration and assurance of railway assets. "D/Gauge's services perfectly complement our portfolio, which has already been confirmed in numerous joint customer projects in the UK," says Dr. Matthias Schubert, Executive Vice President Mobility of TÜV Rheinland. "We both serve many common key accounts, such as Network Rail, Hitachi, and others. The merger will further strengthen our customer offering."

A highly innovative and fast-growing niche company

D/Gauge was founded as family business by rail expert Dr. David Johnson in 2008 and is based in UK midlands. Over the years D/Gauge has established itself as a highly innovative and fast-growing niche company. Having proven its technology in the UK rail sector, co-founder Colin Johnson is excited that this move will accelerate the growth internationally: "This acquisition opens the door to new opportunities and prospects for everyone involved, and I'm thrilled to receive the backing of TÜV Rheinland in our next chapter."

The outstanding functionality of its in-house developed simulation tools are seeing strong growth in demand. Together with consulting services, they are expected to

become a cornerstone for the successful implementation of the digitisation strategy in TÜV Rheinland's rail business. "D/Gauge's software solutions promise tremendous scalability based on an excellent customer network and can also be easily scaled internationally through our well-established sales channels", explains Dr. Matthias Schubert, Executive Vice President Mobility of TÜV Rheinland.

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