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## NEW PRESIDENT AT BPF PIPES GROUP PREDICTS A 'LIVELY' YEAR AHEAD

**Derek Muckle** of Radius Systems has been appointed BPF Pipes Group President, taking over from retiring President Chris King of Wavin.

The appointment has a two-year tenure, and Derek, who is also Director of Innovation and Technology at Radius Systems, is keen to get started in his new role, commenting: "The BPF Pipes Group has a tremendous record in developing and raising standards in the utilities and construction industries, and I want to see more recognition for the work done highlighting and sharing best practice knowledge on plastic pipes in all of these areas, from large and small diameter utility applications to above and below ground heating, plumbing and stormwater alleviation. Sharing knowledge with a broad range of end users and those at the cutting edge will help speed up the adoption of new innovations."

Derek was recently closely involved with the new guidance document from the BPF Pipes Group on fusion jointing, following on from the revised WIS 4-32-08 standard for fusion jointing PE80 and PE100 pressure pipeline systems. He has over 25 years' experience in the sector, developing plastic pipes and fittings for successful operation in the water, wastewater and gas industries.

Richard Hill from ACO Technologies has been appointed Vice-President of the BPF Pipes Group, also with a two-year tenure.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Derek Muckle, new President of the BPF Pipes Group

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### **About the BPF Pipes Group**

Part of the British Plastics Federation, the BPF Pipes Group is a trade association representing manufacturers and material suppliers of plastic piping systems across the UK. Committed to sustainable construction, its aims are to provide a forum for the exchange of technical expertise between member companies and to promote the importance of plastic as a pipework material, for the full spectrum of above and below ground, pressure and non-pressure applications. It also plays a key role in initiating and disseminating research and informing and influencing the standards bodies pertaining to plastic pipe systems. It works closely with the BPF and TEPPFA, the European Plastic Pipes and Fittings Association.