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**YANNIS STAVROPOULOS APPOINTED STANDARDS AND TECHNICAL MANAGER
AT BPF PIPES GROUP**

Yannis Stavropoulos has been appointed Standards and Technical Manager at the BPF Pipes Group, replacing Owen Mace who will become Director on the retirement of Caroline Ayres at the end of August.

Yannis joins from BSI Assurance UK Ltd, where he was Certification Manager. Prior to that he held project manager roles at the British Board of Agrément (BBA) in product certification, and at the construction company VAFIADIS SA, where he was involved in several construction stages of various infrastructure projects. With a BSc (Hons) in Physics, he has more than 15 years' experience across the construction, certification and project management sectors.

With extensive experience in infrastructure and utility works, plus the certification of construction products, Yannis has particular expertise in drainage and sewerage systems, plastic pressure pipes and fittings, hot and cold water systems and sustainable drainage systems (SuDS). He has managed numerous public works, including gravity and vacuum underground sewage systems, surface water networks and related infrastructure.

During his time at BSI, Yannis contributed to the establishment of the new Regulation 4 scheme. While at the BBA, he was involved in the development and commenting of Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works (MCHW). Throughout his career, he has worked closely with several member companies of the BPF Pipes Group, both at BSI and previously at the BBA.

He commented: "I hope to utilise my experience in construction and certification to benefit BPF Pipes Group members and I'm looking forward to working with the technical groups to support the innovation, development and promotion of even safer and higher-performing plastic pipe products, and their integration into current and new infrastructure."

Yannis is from Thessaloniki in Greece and came to the UK in 2016. He lives in St Albans with his family.