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## **KAMIL OSTROWSKI IS NEW CHAIR OF BPF PIPES GROUP FIG**

New Chair of the Future Industry Group (FIG), part of the BPF Pipes Group, is Kamil Ostrowski of Polypipe Civils and Green Urbanisation. He takes over from Krystian Skrzypczyk of Georg Fischer UK, last year's FIG chair.

Kamil is a Material Technologist, whose background includes polymer science and computer science. He started as an apprentice at Polypipe during his college course, completing his apprenticeship in 2019. He was one of the first apprentices in the UK to achieve both a Science Manufacturing Technician apprenticeship standard as well as a Diploma in Polymer Processing.

His work has included close collaboration with other departments on process plant development and testing of recycled product at Polypipe's Horncastle site. He is currently involved in research and development projects, focusing on the evaluation of new suppliers and materials, specifying material requirements, compositions and standards, and working closely with the Sustainability Coordinator and Procurement teams to deliver life cycle assessments (LCAs) and deliver improvements in sustainability.

Kamil commented: "There are many approaches to delivering new solutions using polymers, and through the Future Industry Group I hope to promote sustainability and help reduce our carbon footprint. My primary interest lies in materials, and I am keen to focus on future opportunities for the industry by improving material properties, performance and reliability."

FIG comprises people new to the industry and in a variety of roles. Its key aims are to encourage more people into the industry, as well as promoting the long service life of plastic pipes, their sustainability credentials and their important contribution to providing secure long-term infrastructure.

Other FIG work includes providing support to the BPF Pipes Group Technical Groups, which cover pressure systems including water and gas, non-pressure systems for drains, sewers and surface water, systems for soil, waste and rainwater and systems for water supply and heating for buildings.

The BPF Pipes Group is the leading trade association for the UK's plastic pipes and fittings manufacturers. It strives to promote best practice in the construction and use of all types of plastic pipes and fittings and its website contains a wide selection of free-to-access technical documents and practical guidance.