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Richard Brindle

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A native of Edinburgh, Richard graduated with a BEng (Hons) degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Newcastle in 1993. His first design experience was gained with Scot-Track working on all-terrain vehicles.

In 1997 he joined JCB Hydrapower, soon to become JCB Compact Products, the division of the JCB Group responsible for the design and manufacture of mini and midi tracked Excavators up to 8 tonnes in operating weight. He quickly advanced his career, being appointed Senior Design Engineer in 1999 and Principal Engineer a short time later, taking responsibility for updating and expanding the range of zero tail swing (ZTS) machines.

In 2007 Richard was appointed Product Manager responsible for all new product introductions and the introduction of Tier 3 Off-highway emission level engines.

In 2010 he moved to the Backhoe Loader division taking responsibility for Tier 4 engine introduction, the top of the range 5CX model series and a complete re-design of the Backhoe Loader cab interior.

He gained his Chartered Engineer status in February 2002.

2012 saw Richard take up an ex patriate assignment at the JCB India plant in New Delhi where he became General Manager – Backhoe Loader Projects. During the next 3 years Richard led the team which designed and developed a new series of backhoe loaders which were to be built both in India and the UK and exported to markets around the world. This was a complex programme involving close co-ordination between the UK and Indian design functions and resulted in machines have been very well accepted in their respective markets.

In 2015 Richard returned to the UK as Backhoe Loader Programme Manager and in addition has recently been responsible for leading the design of a range of all new site dumpers which were launched to the market in 2018. He currently manages a significant team of design engineers based both in the UK and within the JCB India operation.

In summary, Richard's career has progressed on a trajectory of increasing responsibility over time and his achievements to date and current level of responsibility make him a worthy recipient of the IAgrE President's Award 2018.

