

Conference Abstracts & Biographies

1A – Investinblue – Investing in Globally Competitive Shipbuilding and Ship Repairers

Cammell Laird – How investment built a globally competitive shipbuilder

Tony Graham, Type 31e Project Director, Cammell Laird Ship Repairers & Shipbuilders Ltd



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Tony Graham achieved a very successful track record in engineering and programme/project management inside the Ministry of Defence over a 34+ year career. Tony trained as a naval constructor and achieved the rank of Constructor Rear Admiral, the first to hold such a high title since the Second World War alongside his appointment as Head of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors. Whilst, he is well known for his leadership of the Battlefield Infrastructure Team during OP TELIC (Iraq War) and his turnaround of both the Landing Ship Dock (Auxiliary) project and the MARS Fleet Tanker project, it is his sustainment of the Queen Elizabeth Aircraft Carrier programme over a highly challenging seven-year period for which he is perhaps best known. Tony Graham is currently the Cammell Laird T31e Project Director and is responsible for the 'Leander' bid.

Albert Island – Building London's first new shipyard and Transport Engineering Hub

Richard Gibbs, Strategic Architect, Albert Island, London and Regional Properties



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Richard Gibbs early entrepreneurial background was grounded in the retail sector where he successfully developed a number of retail businesses. He went on to lead the buyouts of major chains including Edinburgh Woollen Mill and Somerfields. Subsequently, he undertook major consultancy roles in the public, commercial, and not for profit sectors including holding senior interim roles for Oxfam and Royal Mail.

Over the last 10 years he has gained a reputation for developing new real estate solutions. He was responsible for winning the bid to convert the Olympic Park broadcast centre into the UK's largest digital/media/creative hub - Here East. In March of this year, he successfully secured Albert Island, a 25 acre dockland site, for London and Regional Properties. This site is set to become London's first transport engineering hub. Meanwhile, his 100,000 sq.ft. office/studio scheme "Birkbeck Mews", is set to open in late 2020.