

A Braver Future

The last 18 months have been tough on everyone, from the uncertainty of Brexit to the challenges both on industry and in our everyday lives from Covid-19. These factors mean that Industry in the North West – and those working in and supporting our industrial base – have faced challenges in recent times that were never envisaged. However, in the face of hardship, together we have emerged stronger.

Leading engineering solutions provider, Axiom Engineering Associates, has continued, through these trying times, to forge ahead with its ambitious localisation strategy to establish regional presences in key Chemical and Process sector hubs. This led to the opening of their now established office at one of the UK's leading independently owned business and technical parks, The Heath in Runcorn.

Supporting the nationally important Chemical and Process industries across the North West has been vital, as operators were tested to the limit in implementing integrity management strategies whilst navigating the impact of reduction in resources, both people and finances.

However, through close client engagement, and development and deployment of full life cycle solutions based on a continually evolving base of technical expertise, Axiom supported their clients in facing these challenges head-on. Axiom's understanding of risk factors, and strategies to mitigate these on ageing plant, resulted in us helping many clients to optimise their inspection and asset management scopes, therefore driving down cost and increasing asset life cycle efficiencies.

Although skilled labour shortages in some sectors have been evident, Axiom were still very keen to seek out local engineering talent in the North West region to realise their growth aspirations. This commitment to investment in the local economy led to Axiom's integration of additional experienced Inspectors, Peter Watkinson and Brett Haywood, to support in the delivery of Axiom's services to clients in the North West. Both Peter and Brett are familiar with local sites, personnel and are committed to building upon Axiom's track record of excellence. The enhanced regional team will ensure that Axiom continue to deliver an efficient and responsive service that allows their clients to safely, and economically, operate their ageing assets

with minimal business risk. Axiom's integrity management services continue to thrive in the area as more operators realise the benefit of the integrated approach, and the business now has a solid platform for continued growth in 2022 and beyond.

More resilient than before, the industrial base within the North West has demonstrated that it can weather the uncertainty of the

economic environment as it moves forward. As the recent COP26 UN climate summit focuses our drive towards net-zero, we all have much work to do. Both operational and strategic investments must also include initiatives to mitigate climate-related costs and risks to the value chain. Axiom has already engaged in advising and supporting emerging companies involved in renewables and green technology solutions. With their regional base in Runcorn already delivering localised value-added support

to a growing portfolio of clients in the North West, Axiom are well-placed to support the development needs of a hydrogen-based economy.

A braver future is in our hands, and it is up to all of us to work together to seize the opportunity.



Brett Haywood



Peter Watkinson