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ADRIAN LYONS WINS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL RAIL AWARD

Adrian Lyons CBE, Director General of The Railway Forum, won the new prestigious *OUTSTANDING PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD* at the National Rail Awards ceremony held at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London last night against strong competition.

The Award was made at the culmination of the evening by Nigel Harris General Manager, Emap Active Transport Division and Managing Editor of *RAIL* magazine, in front of an audience of nearly 1,200 senior figures from the worlds of transport, politics and the media.

Nigel Harris praised Adrian Lyons' achievements in fighting effectively for the rail industry during a difficult period in its history after privatisation. He said: 'Adrian has made a tremendous contribution to the rail industry and has defended the industry through its most tumultuous years. This award is a fitting recognition of his achievements.'

Adrian has been Director General of The Railway Forum since 2001 and has announced his retirement from the end of this year. The Railway Forum Chairman, Chris Green said:

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‘Adrian will be remembered as a Director General who led from the front and made the industry think strategically. He has been particularly successful in promoting innovation and new technology, crusading for sustainable development and putting railway growth firmly on the political agenda.’

Adrian’s successor is due to be appointed shortly and there will be a handover period to ensure continuity at what is an important time for the rail industry.

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Notes to Editors:

1. The Railway Forum is an industry-wide body sponsored by the majority of the train operating companies, Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, Transport for London, most of the infrastructure companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have over 50 members. Our key role is to act as a think tank, information exchange and point of contact for those committed to and interested in our industry.
2. A photograph of Adrian Lyons is available for use in print and web media. If you would like a photo please contact The Railway Forum (details below).
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