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'ENTER NOW FOR THE RAILWAY INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARDS 2005' SAY THE RAILWAY FORUM AND *MODERN RAILWAYS*

The 2005 Railway Industry Innovation Awards competition, sponsored by The Railway Forum and *Modern Railways*, is now open.

This prestigious awards programme is now in its eighth year. The 2005 competition sees eight categories including two new ones for People Development and Engineering as well as last year's popular Small Scale Innovation category that has been formally included for the first time. We are also delighted to announce that Chris Green, Chairman Virgin Trains, will be Chairman of Judges. The closing date for entries is **29 November 2004**.

To make the 2005 Awards competition more accessible all the details are available online at: www.railwayforum.com/awards. Here you will find rules and guidance for entries, key dates as well as an online entry form and table booking for the Awards Gala Dinner to be held at the Park Lane Hilton on **21 March 2005**.

'Innovation is the life blood of any industry and the railways in particular', says Adrian Lyons, Director General of The Railway Forum. 'Past years have attracted large numbers of entries from railway businesses all telling a positive story about what they are doing to improve our industry. We are looking forward to a record number of entries this year.'

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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 as well as Network Rail, all three major rolling stock leasing companies, the Passenger Transport Executives, London Underground, most of the infrastructure maintenance companies and many manufacturing and other businesses serving the UK rail industry. In all we have some 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. *Modern Railways* has been the voice of the railway industry since 1962. The magazine's mix of news, views and comments covers the whole spectrum of the industry, from engineering and infrastructure to customer service and timetables. *Modern Railways* is published on the fourth Friday of each month by Ian Allan Publishing Ltd. For more information visit: www.ianallan.com/publishing/modrail.
3. The Railway Forum/*Modern Railways* Railway Industry Innovation Awards website can be found at: www.railwayforum.com/awards. The site contains rules and guidance for entries, key dates, online entry and table booking forms as well as further information on the Panel of Judges and our sponsors.
4. The deadline for entries to the 2005 Innovation Awards competition is **29 November 2004**. The winners will be announced at the Awards Gala Dinner to be held at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London on **21 March 2005**.

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