

## Bird's Word – Lee's Glee

**GAP Ltd founder, Simon Bird, has put the word out that Richard Lee is extremely happy to have been promoted to Commercial Director of the manufacturer and distributor of PVC-U and aluminium building products.**

In his current role as Window & Roof Divisional Manager, Lee has led the strategic shift to offering Rehau profiles as standard for all the windows and Rockdoors the business produces, as well as launching a new alu-

minium bi-folding door under the brand of HomeView using Cortizo profile.

GAP founder, Simon Bird says: "Although Richard has only been with us for a relatively short period of time, it was clear from the beginning of his value to this business thanks to his near 30 years in the industry. His product knowledge, supplier relationships and reputation within GAP is clear for all to see.

"With 80 depots across the country together with five manu-



facturing plants, we and Lee are incredibly happy to have found someone it was worth creating a position for which linked together many key roles within the business."

Richard Lee adds, "I am very proud to become the new Commercial Director of GAP. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with everyone involved." [f](#)

## Video – Converting Old Windows Into New



**Veka Recycling has a stunning new video that shows how its state-of-the-art recycling processing facility is playing its part in transforming end-of-life PVC-U frames into brand new windows and doors.**

The Northamptonshire plant, which was completed at the end of 2020 after a two-year build at a cost of £15 million, is reputed to be the most sophisti-

cated of its type anywhere in Europe.

The 2-minute video (which can be viewed on the Veka Recycling website) is compelling with images of waste being ground-filled, followed by images of a Veka Recycling tanker wending its way through the countryside laden with tonnes of processed PVC-U pellet. Adding impact to the imagery are the mountains of frames (pictured above) at the

five-and-a-half-acre site being fed into the plant, with shots of the various stages of processing.

"After our plans to show people round were severely curtailed by Covid we decided to make this video, to ensure we can show the importance of recycling old PVC-U window and door frames, and how efficient our new plant is at doing so," says Simon Scholes MD of Veka Recycling. [f](#)

# The Components Of A Great Night Out



**Supplier of insulated glass components, the Thermoseal Group, has been shortlisted for 'Best Component Supplier Award' in the 2021 G-Awards – and will be supplying the pre-event bubbly.**

Winners are to be announced at the G-Awards Gala Dinner presentation evening hosted at the London Hilton on Park Lane Hotel on Friday 26 November. The G-Awards is the industry's most established awards event when the best performing businesses are recognised for demonstrating exceptional standards within the year preceding entry.

Ranked No.96 in the Sunday

Times HSBC International Fast Track 200 and voted Spacer Bar Manufacturer of the Year in the last National Fenestration Awards, Thermoseal Group's business development has been non-stop. In 2020, in the face of the backlash of Covid-19 and Brexit, it saw a 21% increase in export sales whilst coping with massive swings in UK trade.

With an eye on the future requirements for its Thermobar and Thermoflex warm edge spacers, the Group set up a new Centre for innovation and manufacturing, expanded its technical centre, increased production capacity to meet growing demand and achieved the In-

vestors in People 6th Generation standards.

"We are chuffed to be short-listed for such a prestigious award which is testament to the hard work of our team. The past 18 months have been an immense challenge for the whole industry, so the Gala Dinner is a welcome opportunity for us all to relax and raise a glass to everyone," says Gwain Paterson (pictured), MD of Thermoseal Group. [f](#)

## Golly Gee – 2 Gs For Veka



**Veka Plc has been short-listed for not one but two categories at this year's G21 Awards. The firm has been named as a finalist in the 'Best Sustainability Initiative' and 'Covid-19 Business Hero' Award categories.**

The winners will be announced at the G-Awards dinner which will take place at Park Lane's London Hilton in November.

The Best Sustainability Initiative looks to honour companies who have adopted measures to minimise, reuse and recycle waste,

protect the environment and minimise energy use. They are also interested in measures that have demonstrated the mitigation of climate change.

The Covid-19 Business Hero Award looks to play tribute to the businesses that have reacted to the global pandemic and pivoted the way they operate to be a force for good within the glass and glazing industry. Veka's strategic response to the pandemic protected the welfare of its customers, suppliers and employees. Veka supplied material essential in the manufacture of the 'Nightingale' hospitals and helped to support 200 local families with food over Christmas. Despite unprecedented demand and shortages of raw materials, Veka's approach has resulted in continued supply to its customers.

Veka Recycling, is also a G21 Awards finalist. – see previous page for the story. [f](#)