

Rehau wants more

The newly-appointed plant manager at Rehau's PVC polymer recycling site is looking to increase the share of recovered PVC in the company's new frames to 70% by further enhancing the facility's processing capacity.

John Jones joined the Rehau Group in October 2022 as a lean management expert and training manager. He previously spent 32 years working in supervisory and management positions for the chemical sector.

Since its opening in 2019, the Runcorn-based facility has taken on a key role in helping Rehau UK ensure its frame output contains 55% recycled materials. The site currently processes 15,000 tonnes of post-consumer polymer, with targets to expand this further while increasing the percentage of recycled materials in frames to 70%.

Jones says: "In my experience answers can usually be found by empowering teams and giving them opportunities to grow. I will keep to this approach in my new role – the PVC team constitutes a major part of Rehau's contribution to more sustainable operations, so just



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knowing we are making a difference is a major factor of success.

"Striving for positive change and accepting what's good enough today will not be good enough tomorrow can make a big difference." □

From head, to director

Julie Holmes has been promoted to sales director at Mila, after a successful three years as head of sales. She will continue to lead Mila's internal and external sales teams and develop sales with new and existing customers, as well as identifying new opportunities.

Holmes is working alongside the rest of Mila's senior leadership team to execute a sales strategy which is very much focused on growth. Much of that growth is expected to come from new products, including Mila's 'Advance' range of products designed specifically for aluminium and the newly-launched ProSecure Pace security door hinge.

She has a successful track record at Mila – joining in 2013 as an area sales manager, and progressing to key accounts manager and then national sales manager, before being made head of sales in 2021.



Julie Holmes

Holmes says: "After more than 10 years with Mila, I'm pleased to be taking on the sales director role. I believe as passionately as ever in the quality and value we offer and our commitment to delivering outstanding service." □

Building upon success

Victorian Sliders has appointed Nick Evans as its new chief executive officer.

Evans joined the company in August 2023 as strategic development director.

Originally from a financial services background, he spent over 25 years in corporate banking, predominantly in mergers and acquisitions, working alongside private equity in a wide range of sectors including key investments in building products.

This was followed by seven years in a private equity backed business where he made a number of acquisitions and held the role of COO.

Evans says: "I'm thrilled to take on the role of CEO at Victorian Sliders. The company has made significant strides in product quality and customer service over the past three years with the backing of growth funders BGF. I am intending to build upon that success.

"Our business model provides us with control and visibility over the end-to-end process from extrusion to final assembly.

"This, coupled with our continued



Nick Evans

investment in our premises and technology, allows us the flexibility to deal with the smaller end of the market right the way through to something of the scale of a university, whilst maintaining our level of product quality.

"Innovation is not confined to the state-of-the-art manufacturing facility, with the company now providing an optional upgrade to its highly popular ECOSlide window to allow it to achieve exceptional U-values as low as 1.2W/m².

"We are continuing to invest in technology to provide our customers with more product options and shorter lead-times, whilst also focusing on our environmental impact." □