

PRESS RELEASE

Two senior rail sector executives join the Advisory Board of NEXRAIL.lease



The Advisory Board of the NEXRAIL.lease group (“Nexrail”), a portfolio company of Funds managed by InfraVia Capital Partners, is pleased to welcome two new members: Alexandra Curiel (CEO of Geismar) and Mark Stevenson (CFO of VTG).

Together with the other members, Neil Bennett (Chairman, founder and former COO of Beacon Rail Leasing) and Andreas Hopmann (former MD of Vossloh Locomotives), the new members will provide strategic advice to the Nexrail management team.

Alexandra Curiel is CEO of Geismar since 2017, a global leader in rail track maintenance equipment, headquartered in France. She joined the company in 2014, after more than 10 years at Lazard.

Alexandra notes: “I am delighted to become a member of the Nexrail Advisory Board. With the challenges of climate change, ageing locomotive fleets and the introductions of ETCS, the opportunities for sustainable locomotive leasing in Europe are significant, especially in the non-electrified space. I am glad to be able to contribute to Nexrail’s journey .”

Mark Stevenson has over 30 years of experience in the rail business. He serves as CFO of VTG AG since 2015. VTG is Europe’s largest rail freight wagon lessor. Before joining VTG, Mark served as CFO and CEO at AAE. During his time at AAE, Mark helped build the company from a start-up to the leading position it had in wagon leasing when it was acquired by VTG.

Mark: *“The Nexrail project is an exciting venture that can help drive sustainable innovation in the rail market. I am excited to contribute my rail leasing experience to building a state-of-the-art platform.”*

Neil Bennett, Chairman of the Executive Board of Nexrail Lease, comments: *“With Alexandra and Mark we have gained many years of experience and knowledge of the rail market at large. InfraVia and I are very pleased to have them on board and look forward to working together to further sustainable innovation in locomotives in Europe”*. Nexrail CEO, Luuk von Meijenfeldt, adds: *“Mark and Alexandra are intimately familiar with multiple parts of the rail value chain and multiple geographies. That breadth of perspective offers us a unique opportunity to learn from them and to improve our customer reach and experience whilst strengthening our processes as a company and expanding our network.”*

About Nexrail

Nexrail is a European locomotive leasing company, based in Luxemburg. Its goal is to drive sustainable traction innovation for non-electrified use-cases. Nexrail's fleet, including its order book, of ca. 100 locomotives is dedicated to the freight and shunting markets in Germany, France, Italy, Belgium and Luxemburg.

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