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Senior Promotion at North East Shipping and Marine Insurer

Newcastle-based shipping and marine insurer, North P&I Club, has announced the promotion of Mark Widdows as Head of IT Infrastructure and Operations.

The promotion comes as North focuses on strategic growth, both in its Newcastle headquarters and across the insurer's international operations.

The new leadership position has been created to further provide strategic direction at North on IT and infrastructure, adding value and making a difference to support high performance across the business. Mark will report directly to James Holmes, Chief Information Officer (CIO) at North.

Mark joined North in 2001 and brings more than twenty years of extensive experience to the role.

From office moves, mergers and growth, Mark has seen major change within North and has managed IT operations across the business at an international level.

Mark commented: *"I'm looking forward to working closely with our CIO in supporting in the continued development of our strategic vision and road map, ensuring that North's information technology capabilities continually support our overall business goals."*

"Our objective is to be the club of choice for the global shipping and maritime industry, and our strategic growth plan will help to propel us towards this goal."

CIO James Holmes added: *"Our growing IT team is committed to supporting strategic growth, both within our Newcastle headquarters and globally."*

"Mark's promotion comes at a crucial time for the business, having recently surpassed our total entered tonnage to over 230 million gross tonnes, further strengthening our position as a leading member of the International Group of P&I Clubs."

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North P&I Club

North P&I Club is a leading global marine insurer with more than 150 years of history in the industry.

Founded and headquartered in Newcastle, North's reach stretches around the world - with regional offices in Greece, China (Shanghai and Hong Kong), Japan, Singapore, Ireland and the USA amongst others.

North is also part of the International Group; an association of 13 principal underwriting clubs insuring around 90% of the world's ocean-going tonnage.

The group has 90+ claims specialists and the largest team of specialist in-house FD&D lawyers.

As well as assisting with loss prevention, North also provides technical and operational expertise from master mariners and engineers with many years of seagoing experience.

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