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NEW APPOINTMENT AT DONALDSON TIMBER ENGINEERING MARKS PLANS FOR GROWTH

Donaldson Timber Engineering (DTE), leading UK truss manufacturers and engineered flooring suppliers, has announced the appointment of Andy Popham as General Manager of its Ipswich facility.

Andy's background as the Operations Manager for a timber frame company fits him well to support this key area of construction, but he is keen also to offer DTE Ipswich's services to as wide a range of builders and contractors as possible in the region. He said:

"Our local market is highly competitive, and I plan to grow our business by offering the most complete service possible to builders and contractors in the region. After all, DTE has over 30 years of experience in the industry and 8 factories throughout the UK and Ireland- we want to bring that level of expertise to our customers."

Andy's plan for a "one stop shop" for structural engineered roofs and floors includes introducing new lines such as insulation and open web metal joists to DTE Ipswich's product mix. This is scheduled for early in the New Year. Andy added:

"Currently we employ 21 people. If the new product lines take off, then we will look to grow the workforce to match demand."

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Jpg1: DTE Ipswich's new General Manager Andy Popham

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Notes to Editors:

Part of the James Donaldson group of timber importing and sawmilling companies, which has been operating for over 145 years, DTE is one of the UK's foremost manufacturers and suppliers of engineered timber floors and roof trusses to the house-building industry. It is fully PEFC registered.

Currently the DTE group has eight manufacturing bases in the UK, in Fife, Scotland; Cramlington, Northumberland; Ilkeston, Derbyshire; Ashford, Kent; Andover, Hampshire; Ransomes Park, Ipswich and Enstone, Oxford and one in Mountmellick, Republic of Ireland. DTE employs some 320 people and each week they produce and distribute 20,000 timber trussed rafters throughout the UK, Ireland and overseas.

