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## **Versalift Prepares for Growth with a Strengthened Engineering Team**

VERSALIFT UK, the market leading vehicle-mounted platform company, is preparing for a busy 2019 after a hugely successful sales drive in 2018. In order to fully support the forward order book, the company has strengthened its engineering resource with the appointment of a new Engineering Manager and two additional engineers, taking the engineering team total to six.

Tom Johnson will report directly to Andy Bray, Versalift's General Manager-Director and take responsibility for the newly formed engineering team, overseeing all elements of design for Production and Service for vehicle systems going through the Burton Latimer factory.

He joined the company in January from automation and electrical installation provider WAGO where he was Engineering Manager. Prior to that he worked as Technical Systems Manager for CHEP, responsible for plant automotive and maintenance, and at Rolls-Royce in the Civil Aerospace sector.

Johnson is a Chartered Engineer with the IMechE and has a design, maintenance and academic background in aeronautical engineering. He is new to the vehicle-mounted access platform industry and his key goal will be to support Production through engineering activities as throughput increases at the plant.

Two other new starters are Senior Engineers John Cox and Dani Filote who will both report to Johnson and be based at the headquarters in Burton Latimer, Kettering.

Cox joins the team with a wealth of knowledge of the vehicle-mounted access industry. While his main role will be to design and manage the special build projects, he

will also work with the younger team members of the engineering department to develop knowledge and best practice.

Filote has five years' experience in engineering with the last year spent in the vehicle-mounted access industry. Working alongside current engineers, he will focus on special build design and supporting the development of the van build side of the business.



*Versalift UK's new Engineering team appointments - Left to right - Engineering Manager Tom Johnson with Senior Engineers Dani Filote, and the John Cox.*

### **Driving Efficiencies and Reusability of Components**

Over the past 12 months, Versalift UK has embarked on a company-wide mission to develop new initiatives focused on efficiencies and the reusability of components. Other areas include streamlining manufacturing and assembly through design modifications and improvements.

The cross training of all engineering staff is building skill and knowledge for the different styles of mounting required, given Versalift UK's expanding product range.

Tom Johnson, Engineering Manager said; "New to the industry, I am looking forward to working for the market leader and continuing to play our part in developing engineering

talent within the industry. I am pleased to say we have experienced members of the team who are working hard to share their knowledge with younger members of staff to grow their abilities and skill sets, providing the engineering platform so that Versalift can continue to grow.”

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