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**Renishaw expands its leadership team with new Non-executive Director**

[Renishaw](https://www.renishaw.com/en/renishaw-enhancing-efficiency-in-manufacturing-and-healthcare--1030?utm_source=Stone+Junction&utm_medium=HN&utm_campaign=New+NED&utm_id=REC747&utm_term=New+NED&utm_content=Earned+), a world leading supplier of measuring and manufacturing systems, has appointed a new Non-executive Director. Professor Karen Holford CBE FREng joined the Board of Directors of the FTSE 250 company on 1 September 2023, where she will contribute over 43 years of expertise in the engineering sector. Professor Holford, who is Chief Executive and Vice-Chancellor at Cranfield University, will also join Renishaw’s Audit, Nomination and Remuneration Committees. As well as her extensive engineering, technical management and governance experience, Professor Holford has previously helped to address a lack of diversity in organisations by challenging perceptions and working with underrepresented groups.

Professor Holford began her engineering career at Rolls Royce as an Undergraduate Apprentice, graduating from Cardiff University with a BEng (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering. She returned to academia to pursue a passion for research, gaining a PhD in Materials Science/Acoustic Emission. She continued her interest in research and development in industry at AB Electronic Products, eventually becoming a senior engineer leading a large mechanical design team. This role gave Holford hands-on experience in a variety of engineering applications.

Professor Holford then returned to academia, specialising in industry-led teaching, research and development and progressing to Professor of Mechanical Engineering. She served in leadership roles such as Head of School of Engineering, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Physical Sciences and Engineering, and spent 5 years as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Cardiff University, before taking up her current position at Cranfield University. Holford is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and was named as one of the 50 most influential women engineers in 2016. In 2017 she received a CBE for services to engineering and the advancement of women in engineering.

“We are delighted to welcome Karen to the Board,” said Sir David McMurtry, Executive Chairman at Renishaw. “She has a wealth of engineering and R&D experience, bringing vital skills to the business.”

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**About Renishaw**

Renishaw is a world leading supplier of measuring systems and manufacturing systems. Its products give high accuracy and precision, gathering data to provide customers and end users with traceability and confidence in what they’re making. This technology also helps its customers to innovate their products and processes.

It is a global business, with over 5,000 employees located in the 36 countries where it has wholly owned subsidiary operations. The majority of R&D work takes place in the UK, with the largest manufacturing sites located in the UK, Ireland and India.

For the year ended June 2023 Renishaw recorded sales of £688.6 million of which 95% was due to exports. The company’s largest markets are China, USA, Japan and Germany.

Renishaw is guided by its purpose: Transforming Tomorrow Together. This means working with its customers to make the products, create the materials, and develop the therapies that are going to be needed for the future.

Further information at [www.renishaw.com](http://www.renishaw.com/)

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