

David Brown Santasalo appoints Managing Director, Defence

David Brown Santasalo (DBS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Helme as Managing Director, Defence.

As Managing Director for the Global Defence business at DBS, Mike will continue to lead the team in forging strong relationships and delivering DBS' best in class, tailor-made power transmission systems for key Land and Marine Defence partners.

Mike supersedes Steve Watson, Global Defence Director, who will retire following an impressive career, which has included a 20-year tenure at David Brown Santasalo based out of its UK facility.

Mike has a strong background in working on large scale programmes, particularly in the Defence arena. His career reflects a consistent track record of developing and implementing profitable business growth strategies across various sectors, including Defence & Aerospace, Nuclear Power Generation, Marine, Professional Engineering Services and many more.

Notable career highlights have included various key roles at Rolls-Royce PLC, where Mike managed full P&L responsibility for a multi-million pound revenue division. Mike also significantly contributed to Rolls-Royce's Naval Marine Division, where he held several roles including Executive Vice President and Nuclear Operations Director.

David Armit, Chief Executive Officer at David Brown Santasalo said, "We are delighted to appoint Mike to this position. His experience across many facets of the Defence industry, combined with his proven ability at identifying opportunities, developing partnerships, and leading initiatives, will help build on David Brown Santasalo's past success and deliver an exciting future for the business.

About David Brown Santasalo

In June 2016, David Brown merged with Santasalo to become one of the world's leading mechanical power transmission companies. It supports critical industries including Defence, Mining, Rail and Process industry customers with gearbox design, manufacturing, service and repair for heavy-duty industrial applications.

David Brown Santasalo employs more than 1,200 employees across global locations, which span six continents. It is committed to supporting and developing the skills of its people and operates initiatives such as apprenticeships, graduate and leadership training programs. These initiatives ensure they continually strengthen a highly skilled, highly dedicated workforce. Further information can be found at www.dbsantasalo.com.

David Brown Santasalo has been an integral part of the Defence industry for more than 100 years. It is internationally recognised as one of the most demonstrated and innovative suppliers of bespoke land and marine power transmission systems. Through its highly responsive and capable local teams, David Brown Santasalo support customers worldwide. Its gear systems and service solutions underpin assurance critical applications in industries where failure is not an option.