

## Barhale Appoints Group CEO

27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Matthew Behan as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to the Barhale Group of companies. Matthew joins Barhale at an exciting point in time, when the company turnover is set to deliver record figures in 2016/17 due to positive growth and targeted project wins. To capitalise on the opportunities ahead, a new Group Holding Board has been established on which Matthew will sit working alongside myself, Andy Flowerday and Noel Hanley.

Matthew takes up his position at Barhale on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016, after almost five years as Group CFO and Interim CEO of J Murphy & Sons where he was a Main Board Director and played an integral part in the growth and success of the UK, Australian, Canadian and Property businesses.



Previously he was Group CFO of P J Hegarty & Sons, a leading Irish Building and Civil Engineering Company and also a Director of various Hegarty Property Development businesses and Investment entities through the exponential growth phase of the Irish economy.

In his earlier career he had a successful track record in Manufacturing, Concrete/Aggregates, Brewing, Retail and High Technology Industries.

He is a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Director and earlier this year was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the London based Institute of Operational Risk (IOR).

In sharing his views about the appointment, Matthew commented "Barhale is a modern business underpinned by enduring values, which have earned the Company reputation and trust amongst all its stakeholders. The Company is known to me as a first class performer, highly regarded by clients and I have first-hand experience of Barhale as a progressive Joint Venture partner over several years. I am extremely pleased to be joining such a customer focused, safety-embedded, innovative and responsible business and I am fully committed to the values and the Barhale 3 Pillars sustainability model, which will ensure lasting growth and success."

I am delighted that Matthew has agreed to join us as we enter the next exciting stage of the Barhale Group's growth and development. We have taken the opportunity to review the corporate structure to meet our future needs, having spent the last 2 years successfully consolidating our position and securing a long term order book.

The Barhale 5 Year Strategic Plan is built around the need to broaden our portfolio into the Energy, Transport and Built Environment sectors, whilst continuing to deliver frontier performance for our existing Water sector customers. Matthew will be actively involved in finalising the plan and assume overall responsibility for its effective implementation.

Dennis Curran  
Chairman