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AUDATEX TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Team strengthened further with additional repairer representation

Claims solutions provider Audatex UK is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to the Audatex Technical Committee: Mark Baldwin, Partner of independent accident repair specialist East Bilney Coachworks and Director of Independent Repair Group (IRG), and Chris Brightmore, Managing Director of prestige body repair company Chartwells Derby.

The new members contribute their specific expertise to the Technical Committee's remit of examining matters of a technical nature relating to Audatex solutions:

Mark Baldwin brings the independent repair group perspective, representing his highly-successful family firm of three bodyshops – and growing - based in Norfolk. He also represents the five-strong, Norfolk/Suffolk-based bodyshop group, IRG. With his group responsibilities and as a member of several insurer and motor manufacturer steering groups, Mark is well placed to take a universal view of the motor claims market.

Chris Brightmore represents the multi award-winning Chartwells Derby, recently ranked 12th in the 2010 Sunday Times “best small companies to work for” survey. As a member of a number of motor manufacturers’ steering committees, Chris offers an important insight into vehicle manufacturing trends and the prestige body repair market.

Chaired by Chris Oliver, Managing Director of Fix Auto Dagenham and with insurance motor engineering consultant Phil Gledhill as Vice Chair, the Audatex Technical Committee now comprises five full-time insurer and five full-time bodyshop representatives.

With the support of relevant specialists within Audatex, the Technical Committee provides thorough, independent analysis of a range of system, service and data issues. Current projects include: Research and recommendations on the use of “multi-strikes” when creating Audatex assessments; clarification on “KN numbers” included within the Audatex database; and the identification of estimating efficiency opportunities.

Chris Brightmore said: “It was clear to me from the outset that everyone on the Audatex Technical Committee is focussed on achieving a right and fair estimating solution for all. It’s a rare opportunity for representatives from all sides of the industry to meet and agree ways of improving accuracy and consistency.”

Mark Baldwin commented: “I am keen to participate in any initiative which drives change. It’s all about making a difference. I relish the opportunity to work with Audatex and the Technical Committee members to tackle key issues that our industry faces”.

Chris Oliver summed up: “We are delighted to welcome Chris and Mark to the Audatex Technical Committee. We’re fortunate to have a strong, balanced representation of the industry that we serve and I am sure that their input will further enhance the very good work that is already underway to support changing customer and market needs, ranging from clarification of data issues, to system performance improvements.”

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Notes to Editors:

About Audatex

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