

Sopra Steria Appoints Head for Northern Ireland

Mairead Hylands takes on newly-created role with aim of delivering growth in key region

Belfast, Northern Ireland 22 June 2017: Sopra Steria today announces the promotion of Mairead Hylands to the newly created position of Head of Northern Ireland, a move which reflects the company's commitment to growth in the region.

Mairead Hylands brings to the role over 20 years of experience delivering major business and IT change programmes in Northern Ireland. Since joining Sopra Steria in 2006, Mairead has held the title of Client Services Manager, Managing Consultant and, most recently, Client Director for the business. Major projects Mairead has led include work with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA), as well as various large scale projects across the Department of Justice

In her new position, Mairead will head up a team of over 80 full-time employees based in Sopra Steria's Belfast office. The role assumes responsibility for maintaining exceptional service delivery, the recruitment of staff, and driving growth and building new relationships in Northern Ireland.

Alison McLaughlin Regional Director at Sopra Steria, commented, *"We are very pleased to announce Mairead Hylands as our new Head of Northern Ireland. In her time with Sopra Steria, Mairead has fully demonstrated the extensive strategic, operational and technical expertise necessary to deliver exceptional service and build excellent client relationships. Beyond this, she has also shown her dedication and commitment to the growth and development of her team. We look forward to working closely with Mairead to continue to develop our presence in Northern Ireland, both with our clients and in attracting the best minds in the region."*

Mairead Hylands, Head of Northern Ireland at Sopra Steria, commented, *"The extent to which businesses, processes and skills are being transformed by technology across Northern Ireland right now is invigorating. For me, this makes it an incredibly exciting time to be taking on this role. Sopra Steria is a European leader of digital transformation that's truly committed to local service. I'm looking forward to leveraging the full capacity of our larger business to grow our presence in Northern Ireland whilst continuing as a trusted partner of choice for our existing clients."*

About Sopra Steria

Sopra Steria, a European leader in digital transformation, provides one of the most comprehensive portfolios of end-to-end service offerings on the market: consulting, systems integration, software development, infrastructure management and business process services. Sopra Steria is trusted by leading private and public-sector organisations to deliver successful transformation programmes that address their most complex and critical business challenges. Combining high quality and performance services, added value and innovation, Sopra Steria enables its clients to make the best use of digital technology. With 40,000 employees in more than 20 countries, Sopra Steria had revenue of €3.7 billion in 2016.

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