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BELLINGHAM MARINE APPOINTS BRUCE BIRTWISTLE TO POSITION OF GENERAL MANAGER

Bellingham Marine, world renowned marina builder, is pleased to announce the appointment of Bruce Birtwistle as the General Manager of Bellingham Marine New Zealand. Mr. Birtwistle rejoins the Bellingham Marine family after 3 years of working in the Middle East for Bellingham Marine's licensee, Septech Emirates, where he served as the Business Unit Manager of Septech's marine division.

While at Septech, Bruce oversaw the design and construction of some of the region's most iconic marinas including YAS Marina, Jumeirah Beach Marina and Dubai Marina Yacht Club.

Prior to joining Septech, Bruce oversaw Bellingham Marine's New Zealand operations. Over a 7 year period Bruce grew the division by 400%. He established Bellingham Marine as the region's leading expert on marina design and construction and played an active role in helping to shape the industry.

Everett Babbitt, President, stated, "Bruce brings a substantial set of skills, knowledge and experience to Bellingham Marine's management team. We believe Bruce will provide Bellingham Marine New Zealand with the invaluable guidance needed to continue to build our New Zealand operations, which also oversee the South Pacific."

"Appointing this position has been a carefully considered process," said Phil Greenman, Executive Vice President of Bellingham Marine. "Bruce knows our products, our company and the New Zealand market better than anyone else. We are delighted to have him back and are confident in Bruce's ability to help us overcome some the unique challenges facing us in New Zealand."

As the world's leading marina design-build construction company, Bellingham Marine produces Unifloat® concrete floating dock systems as well as timber and metal frame systems. The company also produces Unistack® dry stack systems for marinas worldwide.

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