

John Droog
CEO Marlin Industries Ltd



Biography

As one of the original founders of Marlin Industries, John has been with the business since its inception in 1991. John graduated from UMIST in 1984 with a degree in Polymer Science & Technology, then began employment with cable manufacturer, BICC at their plant in Wrexham, North Wales. Starting as a Material Technologist, progressing to Project Engineer and latterly Manufacturing Supervisor, John spent seven years with the company.

When a restructuring took place within BICC, the opportunity was seen to provide a timber cable drum refurbishment service. John decided to leave BICC and set up a small business with the ex foreman of the cable drum manufacturing unit, itself a casualty of the restructuring. That business has steadily grown over the intervening years to produce Marlin Industries, a leading player in the field of packaging manufacture, recycling and logistics across the UK cable industry.

Within the first two years of establishing Marlin, it became clear that having an in-house solution to dealing with waste wood was a necessity. Investment was made in a small wood chipper, which at the time (1993) was of the latest technology, but in reality only went on to prove the point that investment is in fact a continual requirement in running a successful business.

Marlin has been a long-term member of the WRA and John feels his experience of both reusing and recycling waste wood, combined with his in-depth knowledge of the waste wood industry and his natural ability to tackle and solve problems head-on, make this an ideal time for him to join the WRA Board.