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## **NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY**

The Board of the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) has announced that Sir Anthony Gill, currently Chairman and Chief Executive of Lucas Industries, is to be the new Chairman of the Docklands Light Railway (DLR). Sir Anthony will take over the DLR chairmanship in the early Summer after he has retired as Chief Executive at Lucas and become non-executive Chairman there.

The outgoing DLR Chairman, Sir Peter Levene, announced his resignation from the DLR on 29 October 1993, following his appointment as Chairman and Chief Executive of Canary Wharf Ltd. His resignation takes effect tomorrow, 7 January 1994.

Michael Pickard, Chairman of the LDDC, will take over as Chairman of the Docklands Light Railway, in addition to his Chairmanship of the LDDC, until he hands the DLR over to Sir Anthony Gill. DLR is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the LDDC.

Mr Michael Pickard said: "The LDDC is very fortunate to have Sir Anthony bringing his expertise and experience to the Docklands Light Railway.

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"This technically advanced railway already carries 34,000 passengers a day with much improved reliability. DLR's "On the Right Track" issued last month, sets out its clear commitment to a high standard of service under the Citizen's Charter. This Spring will see the opening of the railway through the Royal Docks to Beckton, with the introduction of the totally new ALCATEL signalling system.

"This new signalling system should be in place for the whole railway later in the year and will enable a return to a fully integrated service including evenings and weekends. At the same time, we can also expect progress towards the letting of a private sector concession to build the strategic cross-river Lewisham extension. Longer term, we are looking forward to the eventual privatisation of the railway. We are determined that the Docklands Light Railway should offer a service for everyone who lives and works in London Docklands to be proud of.

"Sir Peter Levene has made an outstanding contribution in improving the performance of the Railway and I am immensely grateful for his leadership."

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Ownership of the Docklands Light Railway was transferred to the London Docklands Development Corporation from London Transport in April 1992.
2. Sir Anthony Gill joins the Board of Docklands Light Railway on 1st February 1994, before taking up his role as Chairman of the Docklands Light Railway in early Summer 1994.
3. Sir Anthony Gill has been Chairman and Chief Executive of Lucas Industries since 1987. He will become non-executive chairman of Lucas Industries when George Simpson joins Lucas from British Aerospace to take up his position as the new chief executive.
4. Sir Peter Levene was appointed as Chairman of DLR Ltd in November 1991. He is also the Prime Minister's Adviser on Efficiency and Effectiveness (a post in the Cabinet Office). Under his Chairmanship, *DLR's performance improved significantly: the Railway now achieves over 98 per cent reliability.* He also appointed a prime contractor to ensure that the new improvements and extensions to the Railway are introduced smoothly and effectively.
5. Malcolm Hutchinson, Managing Director of Docklands Light Railway, together with the existing Docklands Light Railway management team, remain in place.