



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS OF ALTRAD RMD KWIKFORM:



A TRIBUTE TO OUR LONG SERVING EMPLOYEES – ANDY BROOM

Altrad RMD Kwikform is proud to be celebrating its 90th anniversary this year - a milestone that offers a moment to reflect on the people who have driven the company's growth and evolution over the past nine decades.

Behind every successful project, every innovative solution, and every satisfied customer stands a dedicated team whose talent, passion, and hard work have shaped Altrad RMD Kwikform into the company it is today.

Andy Broom, General Manager of the Central Services site in Aldridge, has been part of the business for 45 years. Andy highlights the opportunities he's had, whether travelling overseas or becoming a mentor for designers across worldwide operations.

Andy's journey

"My career at Altrad RMD Kwikform started in the drawing office, where I trained as a draughtsman. Over time, the industry evolved, and we transitioned from manual drawing to CAD, and I played a role in setting up CAD blocks and training teams in our overseas offices on the new technology.

"Over the years, my work took me across the world, and one of my first big overseas experiences was on the Ma Wan Viaduct project in Hong Kong, where I was on site helping with the erection of the equipment. This was a bit of a landmark project, not just for me, but also for the business as it was the first time Megashor was used. Seeing the sheer scale of the project in the flesh is something I'll always remember.

"Later, I became Divisional Training Manager, running a global training programme in Aldridge. We brought in designers from RMD's worldwide operations, giving them three months of intensive product and AutoCAD training before they went back to their local offices.

"Technology continued to play a big part in my career, and I even spent some time doing computer programming, helping to develop automated take-off and drawing packages for our products.

"Another incredible opportunity came when I spent a year in Taiwan, working on the High Speed Rail project. Supporting our RMD Taiwan office on such a huge infrastructure project was a real highlight, and when it was completed, I returned to the UK, working my way up through operations to my current role as General Manager.

"Now I oversee the preparation and cleaning of equipment for hire, making sure that everything that leaves our Aldridge site meets the highest standards. I also manage the purchasing of equipment, ensuring we have what we need to keep things moving efficiently."

Moments to remember

"When I think about my favourite moments at RMD Kwikform, the people are always at the heart of them. I have so many great memories of the banter in the old drawing office, and those moments made the working day even better.

"Beyond daily laughs, travel has been one of the biggest highlights of my career. Working at RMD has taken me to places I never thought I'd see, like South Africa, Iraq, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the Middle East and America. It's been an incredible experience to visit different countries and work on projects that have made a real impact.

"Of all the projects I've worked on, the Ma Wan Viaduct in Hong Kong stands out as one of my greatest achievements as being part of a project of that scale, especially one where Megashor was first used, was an unforgettable experience."

The evolution of the business

"I think the business has changed so much since I first started. The introduction of new technologies has transformed the way we operate, making us more efficient and able to deliver on shorter lead times. What used to take days can now be done in hours and we as a business continue to innovate and stay ahead of the game."

Why long service?

"People often ask why I've been at RMD Kwikform for so long and the answer is simple, it's the people and the opportunities. This company has always encouraged me to grow, learn and explore new challenges.

"Whether it was training designers from across the world, developing new software or working on some of the world's biggest infrastructure projects, I've always been given opportunities to develop and push myself. It's not



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just about the work either, RMD is a place where relationships last. I still keep in touch with former colleagues, which says a lot about the culture we have here.

"If I could go back and give advice to my younger self on my first day, I'd say to take every opportunity you can to travel and see the world because you never know what doors it will open for you. And for anyone thinking of joining the RMD team I'd say there'll always be someone to turn to, learn from and look up to.

"I feel incredibly proud to have been part of this company for 45 years and to be able to celebrate its 90th anniversary. It's been a great journey filled with challenges, achievements and friendships that will last a lifetime."