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Paul Currie – Sales & Marketing Director of MPE



The Institute of Directors HQ in Pall Mall, London

**DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR - GLOBAL**  
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**FINALISTS**

**Richard Anderson**  
**Crawford Healthcare**  
Richard Anderson has been CEO of advanced wound care company Crawford Healthcare since 2009. With over 25 years' experience in the pharmaceutical industry, including time with AstraZeneca, Richard has transformed Crawford into a globally significant business and the UK's fastest-growing and fourth largest of its kind.

**Barry Leashy MBE**  
**Playdale Playgrounds Ltd**  
In 2008 Playdale predicted the UK market was going to contract by 30%. Barry's Blue Ocean Strategy was to export. After Barry's 500+ fights, Playdale now have distributors in 48 countries covering 57% of the global population. In 2017 Barry received a MBE for services to Export and International Trade.

**Doug Braun**  
**Blujay Solutions Ltd**  
Doug Braun, CEO, is a global trade and supply chain executive leading high-performance teams in developing software solutions that address customers' toughest supply chain problems. Focused on growth and increasing value for customers, he brings together ideas, processes, and technologies to help internal teams and customer organizations reduce costs, enhance service, and achieve top business objectives.

**Simon P McManus**  
**MacDermid Offshore Solutions**  
As an Engineering graduate Simon joined a small company supplying hydraulic fluids to the North Sea Oil industry. The company now has 5 manufacturing plants from North and South America to Australia. After gaining his MBA, Simon has been integral in the expansion, setting up worldwide support and developing a range of products which are accepted under all relevant global regulations.

**Paul Currie**  
**MPE Limited**  
Paul served with HM Forces, including periods in Cyprus, Iraq and Northern Ireland. Following service, Paul has led sales and marketing teams within market leading manufacturers, and research and development organisations. Paul has been an MPE director for 5 years and is currently undertaking chartered director studies with the IoD.

One of the five Finalists in 2018 for IoD Global Director of the Year

## Institute of Directors recognition for Paul Currie

Throughout 2018 Paul Currie, the Sales and Marketing Director of MPE, has undertaken studies with the Institute of Directors (IoD). With headquarters in Pall Mall, London, and with a Royal Charter dating back to 1906, the IoD is regarded as Britain's most prestigious organisation for board level directors. With offices in all major cities across the UK, the IoD is a community of inspirational business leaders who strive to enable directors to develop both individually and as boards via accredited training and learning.

In early May of this year Paul completed studies toward his Certificate In Company Direction. Paul's studies were completed both remotely and residentially at the IoD's flagship Ashorne Hill training facility in Royal Leamington Spa.

Modules included: Leadership for Directors; Finance for Non-Financial Directors; the Director's Role in Strategy & Marketing; and the Role of the Director and the Board. They covered topics ranging from the UK corporate governance code to strategic market analysis and thinking. Following these studies, Paul successfully sat four separate examinations and attained his Certificate in Company Direction with distinction.

In late May Paul progressed to study for his Diploma in Developing Board Performance, completing his studies with a period of residential study during June at the IoD headquarters in Pall Mall. Subsequently Paul successfully sat his examination and in July was awarded the Diploma in Developing Board Performance, again with distinction. This accredited qualification was a SCQF Level 11, which is comparable to QCF and EQF Level 7 or Master's degree level.

Separate to these studies, Paul's leadership and direction were also recognised by the IoD as a Finalist in their prestigious 2018 awards, being nominated as one of only five Finalists in the Global Director of The Year category. The Awards dinner and presentation were hosted by the BBC TV and radio presenter Dan Walker in May at the Midland Hotel in the centre of Manchester.

Paul is now completing work towards his Chartered Director status with the IoD, which he hopes to achieve by the end of 2018.

