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Network Rail today confirmed the appointment of its chairman-designate, Professor Rick Parry-Jones. The confirmation of his appointment follows a meeting with Network Rail's members.

Professor Parry-Jones will start with the company on 28 March 2012 as a non-executive position as chairman if his appointment is ratified by members at the company's AGM in Haythornthwaite steps down.

Notes to Editors:

- Professor Parry-Jones was born in 1951. He joined the Ford Motor Company as a technical Officer. In his career with Ford he gained wide international experience in product development, manufacturing operations and business leadership. Among the models developed under his leadership are familiar names such as the award-winning Ford Focus models.
- Currently he is a non-executive director of GKN plc and Cosworth Group Holding member of the Royal Academy of Engineering and of Bangor University. He is also a member of Loughborough University and a visiting professor in the faculty of engineering. He is also a member of the UK Cable, the UK Automotive Council.
- The selection comes following Rick Haythornthwaite (the existing chairman) announcing his intention to step down from the board following the company's AGM in July 2012.

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