

Press release: Sir Mark Lowcock confirmed as next UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs

The United Nations Secretary General today announced that Stephen O'Brien will be succeeded as Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (OCHA) by Sir Mark Lowcock. In taking up the post, Sir Mark will leave his position as Permanent Secretary at the Department for International Development (DFID).

Responding to the announcement Rt Hon Priti Patel, Secretary of State for International Development, said:

I would like to thank Stephen O'Brien for his outstanding leadership of OCHA and the reform he has brought to improve our global responses to humanitarian crises. He has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the United Nations and for the cause of humanitarian relief across the world.

I wish Mark Lowcock every success in the future in his role as Under-Secretary-General for OCHA. I would like to thank him for his long standing service to the Civil Service and his work to deliver DFID's commitments to the poorest people in the world.

Sir Jeremy Heywood, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service, added:

I am delighted that Mark Lowcock has been appointed to this critical UN role. Mark has been an outstanding Permanent Secretary of DFID and a great colleague. With humanitarian crises right now affecting so many parts of the world, Mark will bring long-standing practical expertise and British know-how to this important international position.

Sir Mark Lowcock said:

It has been an enormous privilege to serve DFID for the last thirty-two years, especially as Permanent Secretary since 2011. And I cannot imagine anything more worthwhile than joining the Secretary General's new team to realise the inspiring vision he has set for the United Nations.

I am particularly looking forward to building on Stephen O'Brien's excellent legacy in ensuring OCHA does the best it possibly can to

relieve the suffering of people whose lives continue to be devastated by humanitarian crises across the world.

Arrangements for Sir Mark's successor at DFID will be announced shortly.

Press release: PM call with South Korean President: 12 May 2017

The Prime Minister called the South Korean President Moon Jae-In earlier this morning to congratulate him on his recent electoral success.

They agreed the UK and Republic of Korea would remain close partners on a wide range of issues, including trade, defence and security. They agreed the bilateral relationship would continue to go from strength to strength.

They agreed it would be important for the international community to continue to pursue a robust response to North Korean violations of UN Security Council resolutions and other international obligations.

Notice: OX14 1DY, MRR Systems Limited: environmental permit application advertisement

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for Radioactive Substances Activity. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- which Environment Agency office you can visit to see the application documents on the public register
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
- what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)

Notice: DL10 5PJ, Mr S, Mrs E, Mrs M and Mr C Harrison: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Mr S, Mrs E, Mrs M and Mr C Harrison
- Installation name: High Grange Farm
- Permit number: EPR/NP3336DA/A001

Notice: SY4 4UD, Mr Guy Home (trading as James Home and Partners): environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Mr Guy Home (trading as James Home and Partners)
- Installation name: Forge Farm Poultry Unit
- Permit number: EPR/DP3432UR/V005