Global environmental engineering consultancy, MWH, has appointed new Business Director, Simon Baker, to head its Industry division, which provides comprehensive environmental risk management services that enable UK companies to focus on their core business, improving resource efficiency and safeguarding regulatory and reputational requirements. Sectors include automotive, chemical and food & beverage.

Simon brings extensive resource efficiency experience to MWH, including the management of water and wastewater within industrial plants. He has advised global businesses at a corporate level on both their sustainability strategy and the implementation of subsequent project delivery to achieve their environmental targets, often across several continents.

Simon comments: "Never before have businesses been under such scrutiny when it comes to resource efficiency. With its breadth of sector knowledge, its unrivalled water and sustainability expertise, plus the highly specific technical capability already behind the business, MWH offers an exciting opportunity to support clients at any given moment in their life cycle, from acquisition services, operational improvement and resource efficiency through to preparation for divestiture.

"And, whilst efficiency may seem more critical today for those in intensive manufacturing sectors, it will affect everyone tomorrow as resources become scarcer. With MWH, I'm looking forward to supporting manufacturers across the spectrum to ensure that usage isn't just efficient but optimised."

MWH can provide complete business enabling and risk management services including due diligence, permitting regulations, impact assessments, resource efficiency analysis, project delivery and design & build.

Managing director of MWH UK Operations, Garry Sanderson, comments: “Simon’s skills very much complement our existing areas of expertise, but he also brings his own specialisms to MWH that will help us deliver more value to our clients – whether it’s the provision of just one particular service or a more holistic solution. And with the European and wider landscape continuing to look financially challenging for the manufacturing sector, such experience in risk and resource management is never more timely.”