DORAN NAMED #1 UK CIO - Network Rail's Catherine Doran tops the 2009 silicon.com CIO50

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London, 11 June, 2009 – Last night, silicon.com (http://www.silicon.com), a property of CBS Interactive, named Catherine Doran, Director of Corporate Development at Network Rail, as the leading technology chief in the country. The annual silicon.com CIO50 (http://www.silicon.com/cio50) profiles the 50 most influential and innovative technology chiefs in the UK, as voted for by silicon.com's community of Chief Information Officers (CIOs) and a panel of experts. Catherine Doran is the first woman to feature in top place on the list.

Included in this year's top 10 are:
1. Catherine Doran, Network Rail
2. Neil Cameron, Unilever
3. Christine Connelly, Department of Health
4. John Suffolk, UK Government
5. Darrell Stein, Marks & Spencer
6. Paul Coby, British Airways
7. Simon Post, The Carphone Warehouse
8. David Lister, National Grid
9. Ben Wishart, Whitbread
10. Martin Taylor, LCH.Clearnet

Doran was recognised for her achievements at Network Rail where she is leading a programme to transform the way the company operates, a vital part of a £35bn revamp and expansion of the UK's rail network.

"In these tough times it is more important than ever for organisations to have top CIOs like these on board. The CIO is a key member of the management team because they have a great view across the entire organisation and can help deliver the business advantage - whether cutting costs or developing new business models - that many businesses crave," said Steve Ranger, Editor of silicon.com. "We are delighted to announce Catherine as the 2009 winner. Technology is playing a major role in the group transformation programme she is leading and she has shown outstanding skills by delivering infrastructure and applications that support Network Rail's mission-critical engineering and rail operations, as well as looking after its National Records."

Launched in 2007, the CIO50 list (http://www.silicon.com/cio50) is compiled annually by silicon.com in conjunction with the UK CIO community and a panel of experts. They judge each contender on four criteria: leadership ability; delivery and execution; innovation; and influence. Only those who demonstrate truly outstanding skills over the previous twelve months make it onto the list.
This year's silicon.com CIO50 list can be seen at www.silicon.com/cio50.

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