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### **New ARRB Regional Manager for the Middle East**

John Hughes will be ARRB's new Regional Manager for the Middle East from 1 March 2009.

John brings to ARRB strong skills in highway engineering, institutional strengthening and expertise in international consulting. He is a qualified Senior Road Safety Auditor and holds a Master of Engineering degree.



John has extensive Middle East experience, most recently working as Principal Engineer (Highways and Transportation) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) for SMEC in Qatar and Kuwait.

When asked about his priorities for the Dubai office, John said 'ARRB in Dubai has strong expertise in specialist areas like pavement engineering, asset management, road safety and road safety auditing, besides being able to draw upon ARRB's skills from Australia.'

In this way, ARRB is unique because it is independent of the major firms that have been involved in the design and construction of the region's infrastructure projects, and therefore it can offer truly independent advice to Government and private sector clients.'

John commenced his career in Christchurch, New Zealand, with a pavements engineering firm. He also spent eight years with Transit NZ, until 2001, in roles such as Regional Transportation Manager, Transportation Planning Group Leader and Project Manager/Director for numerous highway infrastructure projects.

Since then his diverse career has seen many international assignments, including Samoa, Canada, Afghanistan, Papua New Guinea, Eritrea, Yemen, Bangladesh, Singapore, Indonesia, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

From late April, ARRB's former Regional Manager for the Middle East, Dave Jones, will return to Australia in the role of Regional Manager - Research and Consulting, for Victoria, Tasmania and New Zealand.

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