



Final Report as Chairman of the Critical Industry Society 14 April 2025

It has been an immense privilege to serve as chairman of the CIS for the past 2 1/2 years. Reflecting on this journey, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the progress we have made as a society, fuelled by exceptional industry knowledge, camaraderie, positivity and teamwork. Together, we have elevated the CIS to new heights.

The challenges posed by the cessation of the UK Coal Industry and the Covid pandemic required us to reassess the purpose and relevance of this 'near 100-year-old' society. More recently, the geopolitical and economic complexities arising from the Russia-Ukraine war, as well as political shifts in the United States, have only underscored the critical importance of sustaining and strengthening our remaining industries. The CIS has proven itself to be a vital platform in supporting and connecting professionals across the energy, logistics, mining, construction, and associated industries, ensuring that these essential sectors continue to thrive.

The fantastic success of our recent luncheons is a clear testament to the value and appeal of our events. Over the past two gatherings, attendance has exceeded 200 guests, requiring us to relocate to a larger venue to accommodate the growing demand. Jay One Events, led by the talented Jane and Carol, has been instrumental in delivering seamless and memorable experiences for all attendees. The positive feedback from these events has been truly overwhelming, cementing our position as a 'must-attend' function for industry professionals.

One of the most rewarding outcomes of our increased attendance has been the additional revenue directed towards supporting industry undergraduates embarking on their careers in UK industry. This initiative encapsulates the heart of what the CIS represents—a resource and a platform that bridges generations within critical industries.

As I step down from my role, I am confident that the CIS will continue to flourish under the capable and experienced leadership of Mr Richard Drifill, our new chairman. With exciting developments in the pipeline and the continued expertise of Jay One Events, the future of the CIS is bright. I am certain the society will thrive, maintaining its reputation for providing events that are both enjoyable and productive in equal measure.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the CIS committee members, attendees, and the entire Jay One Events team for their unwavering trust and support. Your commitment has been the foundation of our success and will be instrumental in shaping the future of the society.

Here's to 2025 and beyond! May the CIS continue to excel in its mission, setting new benchmarks for success and industry collaboration.

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