

**DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES – MOBILE OPERATIONS MANAGERS,
NETWORK RAIL**

For some time the union has been pursuing with Network Rail the issue of the duties and responsibilities undertaken by Mobile Operations Managers (MOMs) and the wide disparity in these at locations across the country.

The company's position is that that the duties of the MOM are reflected in the job description and any additional duties would be on a voluntary basis only.

Network Rail has also referred to the 1994 New Deal for Supervisors agreement that states supervisors will be expected to undertake signalling duties where circumstances require it and that all supervisors will be expected to undertake any other duty for which they are competent.

In addition, the union's National Conference of Signalling Grades this year carried a resolution opposing the loss of MOM jobs around the country and calling on the union to mount a campaign to protect the role of the MOM.

The matter has been considered by the General Grades Committee and the following decision has been taken:

“That we note the resolution of our National Signalling Grades Conference and also the concerns detailed within. Therefore, we instruct the General Secretary to write to Network Rail seeking assurances about the present role and responsibilities of our Mobile Operations Managers and a continuation of their supporting safety critical role. Responses to be placed back before the General Grades Committee for consideration.

Additionally, we note that this matter was raised at a National Operations Council meeting on 19th July 2011 whereby the Lead Officer responsible for Network Rail Operations has been provided assurances by Network Rail that there are no intentions to withdraw the role of Mobile Operations Managers.

Further, we are advised that the matter of reclassification affecting our MOMs is to be addressed by Network Rail and their decision is to be reported back at the next National Operations Council meeting.

Therefore, the Lead Officer is instructed upon conclusion of the next Operations Council meeting to furnish this General Grades Committee with a report for due consideration.

Branches and Regional Councils to be advised.”

I shall continue to keep you advised.

Yours Sincerely

Bob Crow

General Secretary