

Lowell Group appoints Director of Compliance

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Leeds-based Lowell Group, one of the UK's largest debt purchasing specialists, has appointed Bob Collins as its director of compliance.

He will take charge of the company's dedicated compliance unit, which is responsible for ensuring that Lowell is up-to-date and compliant with all relevant industry regulations and guidelines, and that the company and its staff adhere to all internal procedures.

One of his key responsibilities will be to maintain close links with relevant external regulatory bodies to ensure Lowell's views on compliance issues are well-represented and the company is prepared for any changes that are proposed

A member of Lowell's senior management team he will report directly to CEO James Cornell.

Collins has spent the last ten years in senior management roles at GE Capital Bank and was the organisation's first bank-wide head of compliance. Prior to joining Lowell he was head of business planning and performance responsible for planning and staffing in all the bank's call centres across the world.

Commenting on Bob Collins' appointment, James Cornell said: "In a highly regulated industry we are committed to leading from the front by continuously raising our operating standards across the business. We are delighted to have recruited someone of Bob's calibre to fill this key role in the business. His experience of the consumer credit industry and its framework of regulations and guidelines will be invaluable.

Bob Collins added: "Lowell Group is one of the fastest growing, most successful businesses in the UK and one of the reasons is its commitment to compliance and treating customers fairly. I'm really looking forward to the challenge of improving their impressive track record to date."