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# Industry leaders to gather in Sydney to discuss the future of construction

The engineering and construction industry is primed for change and disruption as it investigates the impact of industry 4.0 in delivering the future of construction. This impact is driven by big data, IOT, AI and connectivity of the industry.

Sharing views, opinions and experience on how international businesses are navigating disruption from technologies underpinning the 4th Industrial Revolution and driving innovation in construction is imperative to moving forward.

Andrew Hill, Business Manager for Cloud A2K said today “We’re excited to be partnering with RIB Group and Microsoft to deliver a platform which will provide leaders from all of the country, the chance to share and learn from the very best.”

An exciting line-up of speakers from Hansen Yuncken, Microsoft, McKinsey, RIB Group, and Stanford University has been announced for the **Future of Construction Forum**, which is expected to attract about 100 senior industry leaders in Sydney on May 8th.

“These speakers have been hand-selected to ensure our delegates receive the latest information and leave the forum with solution-based concepts for business growth,” said Mr Hill.

Business solutions from RIB Group and Microsoft in the development of the 1st vertical cloud for the construction industry, built on Microsoft’s Azure platform, an Australian IRAP certified public cloud that ensures security and reliability, is just one of the leading-edge technologies set to re-shape the productivity of projects all over the world.

Felix Tsui, Global Head of MTWO, RIB Group went on to say, “Working with Cloud A2K to deliver MTWO to the ANZ market is an exciting and important step for the construction industry.”

“MTWO offers a first class end-to-end 5D BIM enterprise cloud solution which is a first of its kind platform that runs SIM-based project lifecycle management on the cloud and connects a 3D BIM design with the 4D time and 5D cost, enabling visualised data-driven decision making for projects and enterprise,” said Mr Tsui.

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# FUTURE OF CONSTRUCTION FORUM

NAVIGATING DISRUPTION IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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### EVENT DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, 8 May 2019.

Time: 8:30am – 1:00pm (networking lunch from 12noon).

Location: Jones Bay Wharf, Level 3, 26-32 Pirrama Rd, Pyrmont, Sydney.

Event MC: James O’Loughlin, host of ABC’s TV show The New Inventors.

### INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH SPEAKERS:



**Martin Fischer**

**Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering.**

**Director, Centre for Integrated Facility Engineering, Stanford University**

Professor Fischer’s research goals are to improve the productivity of project teams involved in designing, building, and operating facilities and to enhance the sustainability of the built environment. His work develops the theoretical foundations and applications for virtual design and construction (VDC). VDC methods support the design of a facility and its delivery process and help reduce the costs and maximize the value over its lifecycle. His research has been used by many small and large industrial government organisations around the world.



**David Beslich**

**Director, Hansen Yuncken**

David has been a Director of Hansen Yuncken since 1995 and was appointed to the Chair in December 2011, after holding a number of project and management related roles over his 30 years’ service. With the continued growth of Hansen Yuncken as a national building contractor, and with an annual turnover of \$1.2bn, David is now responsible for the strategic growth of the 100-year-old business. His focus is on the creation of an innovative construction business using “smart technologies” and integrated work processes in the delivery of Hansen Yuncken projects.



**Michael Girdis**

**Partner Technology Director, Microsoft**

Michael’s 16 years of experience at Microsoft has given him a strong understanding of enabling capability across a broad area of solutions. Currently, he works with customers and partners on their transformation journey, by enabling Cloud computing platforms to increase agility, performance and business outcomes.



**Andrew Hill**

**Business Manager, Cloud A2K**

With an impressive 15 years of experience in the architectural, engineering and construction software industry and previous roles which saw Andrew working as the BIM Practice Leader for Autodesk in the APAC region, COO for CSI Global Services, and more than 7 years working as a National Strategic Account Manager and a Consulting and Development Director for AEC Systems – his insight and ability to connect broad industry issues to practical solutions will no doubt resonate.

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### **About Cloud A2K**

Cloud A2K has helped thousands of companies and government agencies involved in the architecture, engineering, construction, infrastructure and manufacturing sectors, reach their full potential by delivering software and hardware solutions and support services such as training, recruitment and IT managed services.

### **About RIB Group**

RIB Software SE is an innovator in construction business. The company creates, develops and offers cutting-edge digital technologies for construction enterprises and projects across various industries worldwide. Its flagship product iTWO 4.0 is the world's first 5D BIM enterprise cloud solution for construction companies, industrial companies, developers and project owners, etc. Since its inception in 1961, RIB Software SE has been the pioneer in construction innovation, exploring and bringing in new thinking, new working method and new technology to enhance construction productivity, and transforming the construction industry into the most advanced and digitalized industry in the 21st century.

RIB is headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany, and listed in Prime Standard Frankfurt Stock Exchange since 2011. With more than 900 talents located in over 30 offices worldwide, RIB is serving 100,000 clients including construction contractors, sub-contractors, developers, owners, investors and governments, in the field of building construction, infrastructure, EPC sector and more.