



Dr Jane Atkinson FREng

Dr Jane Atkinson is the First Woman in the world to manage a blast furnace April 2013.

Jane Atkinson, executive director of engineering and automation at Bilfinger UK, has been named the most influential woman in UK engineering.

Atkinson topped the annual list of 100 women, produced by board appointments firm Inclusive Boards in partnership with the Financial Times, which also featured senior leaders from Network Rail, the Royal Academy of Engineering, Airbus, Dyson, Aecom and Laing O'Rourke.

At Bilfinger UK, Atkinson manages design, automation and digitalisation projects alongside operation and maintenance contracts for worldwide energy companies and is responsible for introducing new technology to help clients cut carbon emissions and boost productivity.

She is also the chair of the Institute of Chemical Engineering, where she devotes time to introducing mentoring programmes and workshops to help women get back into their careers after becoming mothers.

