

Bill Burns (45)
Chief Executive Officer



Bill was appointed to the Board in November 2008.

He is responsible for formulating the Group's objectives and strategy for approval by the Board. Working with the CFO he sets the annual budget and medium term plan and is responsible for reporting performance against plan to the Board. Bill also plays a key role in identifying and executing acquisitions and disposals.

Before his appointment to the Board, Bill was Chief Executive Officer of the Communications Group. In this position he was responsible for the overall leadership, strategy, investments, coordination of resources and leveraging of the Company's breadth and depth of technology across all of the Communications Group's business units.

Before joining the Company in November 2004, Bill held several executive leadership positions at Tellabs, Inc. including Senior Vice President Global Marketing, Senior Vice President – Europe, Middle East and Africa and Vice President – Competitive Service Provider Sales.

Bill holds an Associate degree in Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University, a Bachelor of Science degree from College Misericordia and a Master of Business Administration degree from Temple University.