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Michael Lunn and co-directors John Moore and Jamie Lunn revealed plans to build the new £15 million distillery near Stirling last month.

The site is subject to planning approval with construction expected to begin in spring 2021.

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Richard is a third generation Master Blender and is rightly regarded as one of the greatest whisky makers of his generation. Nicknamed “the nose” for his olfactory skills he is a giant of the Scotch Whisky industry, and the man behind the development of some of the world’s most collectable and valuable Single Malts.

He has picked up a string of distinguished awards from across the Scotch Industry including the Icon of Whisky Lifetime Achievement, Winner of the ‘Spirit of Scotland’ Trophy and his induction into the Whisky Magazine Hall of Fame.

Speaking about joining the Wolfcraig Distillery team, he said: “This will be an opportunity for me to use all the knowledge I have learned over 55 years in the business to create a truly exceptional Highland Single Malt, one that can be enjoyed the world over.”

Michael Lunn of Wolfcraig, said: “We are honoured and proud to welcome Richard as Wolfcraig’s Master Blender. Together with our already formidable team his knowledge, commitment and long-term vision will help establish the Wolfcraig brand both at home and internationally.”

The Wolfcraig Distillery project recently submitted an application for a new whisky experience near Stirling that will incorporate the distillery, an interactive, education-focused family visitor attraction, private tasting room and 180-cover bistro restaurant and bar.

The distillery will have the capacity to produce 1.5 million litres of spirit per year and will focus on producing premium Wolfcraig Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky in addition to a range of other associated spirits.