

HSS BUOYANT AS THEY SECURE THAMES WATER CONTRACT WIN
HSS Hire has teamed up with Thames Water in an innovative partnership agreement for tool and equipment hire

12th October 2010: HSS Hire, the UK's awarding tool and equipment hire company, has secured a 5 year, multi-million pound contract for the hire of tools and equipment to Thames Water.

The agreement will see HSS supply any contractors working on Thames Water projects throughout the region from their extensive range of small tools and equipment as well as safety & survey equipment and health & safety training.

It's the latest in a series of big contract wins for HSS based on their innovative 'through the line' approach which sees them supplying all contractors working on behalf of the end-customer. Acting as a supply base for any of the equipment requirements at all Thames Water projects, HSS will offer one point of contact and a 24 hour service to any onsite contractors for the provision of reliable, safety-compliant tools and equipment at centrally preagreed, competitive rates. This will not only ensure consistently low costs and encourage a level playing field for those contractors but will also guarantee HSS' rigorous service levels throughout all areas of the supply chain.

Thames Water will also be using HSS' revolutionary online business management system, 'HSS LiveHire', which will provide them and their contractors with unprecedented transparency and control over their equipment hire portfolio.

Announcing the contract, HSS Chief Executive Chris Davies, commented: "We are delighted to be working with Thames Water on this exciting new agreement. We believe firmly in helping our customers to save time and money and this new collaborative partnership model is a pioneering approach that will do just that by promoting price transparency and operational efficiency. It will also encourage the cross-hire of equipment between contractors which will help reduce both any potential downtime and the environmental impact of multiple deliveries to site."

Notes to editors:

HSS Hire Service Group is a UK-based tool and equipment hire chain that has been serving big businesses, trade and DIY customers since 1957. It is the Hire Association Europe's Hire Company of the Year 2009 and Contract Journal's Plant Hire Company of the Year 2009. In 2010 it was awarded the HAE's 'Excellence in Customer Care' award and Highly Commended by the European Rental Association.

Operating under the banner of HSS Hire, the group has an established nationwide network of over 250 locations including a number of supercentres with extended opening hours. The company also runs a dedicated training division and offers a range of innovative hire related services including HSS LiveHire, HSS Assured and HSS Pitstop.

HSS Hire is ISO9000, ISO14001, OHSAS18001 and SAFE-Hire certified and holds Investors in People status as well as a 4 star British Safety Award.

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