

PRESS RELEASE

HSS HIRE UNVEILS NEW FACILITY IN BRISTOL 30+ NEW JOBS CREATED AS CITY IS SELECTED FOR SW HUB IN COMPANY'S NATIONAL NETWORK TRANSFORMATION.

10th January 2012: HSS Hire, the national supplier of tool and equipment and outsourcing services, today announced the opening of a new Regional Distribution Centre in Bristol.

The 30,000 sq ft purpose-built facility on the Aztec Business Park will become a key regional distribution hub for the group's activities in the South West and Wales - providing extensive and more accessible hire services and support including specialist training.

With huge storage facilities on two levels as well as state of the art training facilities, the new supercentre continues HSS' network transformation from small high-street branches to large industrial supercentres and reaffirms their position as a logistical and technical partner to trade and business.

The existing local HSS Hire branch in Bristol will be closed with existing members of staff transferring to the new site and more than 30 additional new jobs being created as the company invests in the region.

Chief Executive at HSS Hire Chris Davies comments:

"At HSS, we're committed to offering our customers more safety, availability, value and support, and as part of this commitment, we've made some significant investments in our logistical and operational platforms over the past year that have enabled the transformation of our entire national network.

"The new facility in Bristol will enable us to deliver a bigger and better service to our customers across the South West and Wales as well as supporting our wider UK activity. "By investing in our future we ensure that we always offer an unrivalled hire experience."

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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. 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 Outsource and HSS Pitstop.

HSS was the Hire Association Europe's and Contract Journal's Plant Hire Company of the Year 2009 and in 2010 was awarded the HAE's 'Excellence in Customer Care' and highly commended by the European Rental Association. HSS again won the HAE's 'Excellence in Customer Care' award in 2011 and is the European Rental Company of the Year 2011. HSS Hire is ISO9000, ISO14001, OHSAS18001 and SAFE-Hire certified and holds Investors in People status.

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