

PRESS RELEASE

HSS HIRE WINS SOLE SUPPLY AT SIMONS GROUP

5th December 2011: HSS Hire, the UK's award-winning tool and equipment hire company, has been appointed exclusive plant outsource provider to Simons Group in a agreement set to be worth around £5 million across 3 years with a further 2 year option.

In a move that continues to extend their tool hire offering to the realms of complete equipment solutions provider, HSS will supply and manage all site establishment, accommodation and security requirements as well as all plant and equipment for every Simons Group project nationwide. They will also provide health and safety training.

CEO at HSS Hire, Chris Davies comments: "The best hire experience comes from understanding your customer and delivering what they need whilst helping them to drive costefficiencies and safety. It's about being a partner not just a supplier and that's what we're all about at HSS. It was an intensive six month tender but we demonstrated that we are best placed to fulfill this contract so I'm thrilled that Simons Group has chosen to work with us. There is also great congruence between the things our two organisations most value so I'm sure it will be a fantastic partnership."

Supply Chain Manager at Simons Group, Steve Martin said: "We're focused on delivering value, quality and safety and we needed a plant provider that would do the same. HSS not only showed real understanding of the challenges we face and presented innovative solutions but we were also hugely impressed by the support they offer and the energy and enthusiasm of their team. We believe that the partnership with HSS will be instrumental in helping us to deliver projects on time and to specification whilst supporting our core values and we look forward to working with them."

Simons Group is a property solutions business providing quality, integrated solutions to brands and household names in the private and public sector. As well as funding schemes they offer the full range of design and construction services, from complex new-build to all sizes of fit out, maintenance and aftercare.

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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.

