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HSS FINANCING PLC LAUNCHES OFFERING OF £200,000,000 SENIOR SECURED NOTES DUE 2019

LONDON — Friday January 24, 2014.

HSS Financing plc ("HSS" and together with its parent and certain of the parent's subsidiaries, the "Group") today announced that it has launched an offering of £200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of senior secured notes due 2019 (the "Notes"). The net proceeds from the offering, if completed, are expected to be used to (i) repay all outstanding indebtedness under the Group's existing senior facilities and revolving facility agreement and to pay related accrued interest and other amounts thereunder, (ii) repay a portion of the Group's existing shareholder loans and (iii) pay related commissions, fees and expenses in connection with the offering and related transactions.

Cautionary Statement

The Notes will be offered only to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A and outside the United States pursuant to Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), subject to prevailing market and other conditions. There is no assurance that the offering will be completed or, if completed, as to the terms on which it is completed. The Notes to be offered have not been registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or unless pursuant to an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and any other applicable securities laws. This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes, nor shall it constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful.

This announcement does not constitute and shall not, in any circumstances, constitute a public offering nor an invitation to the public in connection with any offer within the meaning of the Directive 2010/73/EU of the Parliament and Council of November 4, 2003 as implemented by the Member States of the European Economic Area (the "Prospectus Directive"). The offer and sale of the Notes will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in Member States of the European Economic Area, from the requirement to produce a prospectus for offers of securities.

This communication does not constitute an offer of securities to the public in the United Kingdom. No prospectus has been or will be approved in the United Kingdom in respect of the Notes. Consequently, this communication is directed only at (i) persons who are outside the United Kingdom or (ii) persons who have professional experience in matters relating to investments falling within Article 19(1) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "Order"), (iii) high net worth entities falling within Article 49(2) of the Order and (iv) other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated (all such persons together being referred to as "relevant persons"). Any investment activity to which this communication relates will only be available to, and will only be engaged with,

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In connection with the issuance of the Notes, one of the initial purchasers will serve as stabilizing manager and may over-allot the Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the stabilizing manager (or persons acting on behalf of the stabilizing manager) will undertake stabilization actions. Any stabilization action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the Notes. Any stabilization action or over-allotment must be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

In connection with any offering of the Notes, the initial purchasers and any of their respective affiliates, in each case acting as an investor for its own account, may take up as a proprietary position any notes and in that capacity may retain, purchase or sell for its own account such Notes. In addition the initial purchasers or their affiliates may enter into financing arrangements and swaps with investors in connection with which the initial purchasers (or their affiliates) may from time to time acquire, hold or dispose of Notes. The initial purchasers do not intend to disclose the extent of any such investment or transactions otherwise than in accordance with any legal or regulatory obligation to do so.

The initial purchasers are acting on behalf of HSS and no one else in connection with any offering of the Notes and will not be responsible to any other person for providing the protections afforded to clients of the respective initial purchasers nor for providing advice in relation to any offering of the Notes.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may include forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "believes, "estimates", "anticipates", "expects, "intends", "may", "will" or "should" or, in each case, their negative, or other variations or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements include all matters that are not historical facts and include statements regarding the Group's or its affiliates' intentions, beliefs or current expectations concerning, among other things, the Group's or its affiliates' results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, prospects, growth, strategies and the industries in which they operate. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future. Readers are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that the Group's or its affiliates' actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industries in which they operate may differ materially from those made in or suggested by the forward-looking statements contained in this press release. In addition, even if the Group's or its affiliates' results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industries in which they operate are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this press release, those results or developments may not be indicative of results or developments in subsequent periods.

