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### **HSS Hire Group plc**

## Admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange

Further to the publication of the Pricing Statement on 4 February 2015, HSS Hire Group plc (the "Company") is pleased to announce in connection with its initial public offering (the "Offer") that its ordinary share capital of 154,761,904 ordinary shares (the "Shares") has today been admitted to the premium listing segment of the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and to trading on London Stock Exchange's main market for listed securities under the ticker "HSS".

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In connection with the Offer, the Stabilising Manager may, for stabilisation purposes, over-allot Shares up to a maximum of 10 per cent. of the total number of Shares comprised in the Offer. For the purposes of allowing the Stabilising Manager to cover short positions resulting from any such over-allotments and/or from sales of Shares effected by it during the stabilisation period, it is expected that certain existing shareholders will grant to the Stabilising Manager, on behalf of the Banks, an option (the "Over-Allotment Option") pursuant to which the Stabilising Manager may purchase or procure purchasers for additional Shares up to a maximum of 10 per cent. of the total number of Shares comprised in the Offer (the "Over-Allotment Shares") at the offer price. The Over-Allotment Option will be exercisable in whole or in part, upon notice by the Stabilising Manager, at any time for 30 calendar days after the commencement of conditional trading of the Shares on the London Stock Exchange. Any Over-Allotment Shares made available pursuant to the Over-Allotment Option will be sold on the same terms and conditions as the Shares being sold or issued in the Offer and will form a single class for all purposes with the other Shares. Save as required by law or regulation, neither the Stabilising Manager nor any of its agents intends to disclose the extent of any over-allotments made and/or stabilisation transactions conducted in relation to the Offer.