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## Senior appointment aligns strengths of Brammer and Buck & Hickman

Ian Ritchie, managing director of Brammer, the UK's leading distributor of maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) products and services, has an expanded remit to lead the recently acquired industrial tools, maintenance and health & safety product distributor Buck & Hickman, following its acquisition by Brammer plc.

The combination of Brammer UK and Buck & Hickman brings together extensive capabilities and resources to create a complete one-stop shop for industrial MRO supply, operating from some 120 locations across the UK. The appointment will see Ian build on the significant growth and development that he has overseen at Brammer since his appointment as UK managing director in December 2003.



Ian commented: "The acquisition of Buck & Hickman is an excellent strategic fit with Brammer's ambitious development plans in Europe and the UK, with the tools, maintenance and health & safety market offering significant growth opportunities. There are strong synergies across the two businesses and bringing their operations together will allow us to further enhance our customer offer."

"Combining the knowledge and expertise within both businesses will create a unique resource able to offer unrivalled product knowledge, advice and technical support, backed by a depth of product range and supply capability which is second to none. It also underpins our own belief in being local and close to our customers, with an expanded branch network enabling customers to benefit from our commitment to customer service right across the UK industrial landscape."

Brammer plc acquired the business and assets of Buck & Hickman, a market leader in tools, maintenance and health & safety products, many of which are supplied under the well respected 'Roebuck' brand, from Travis Perkins plc in September 2011 for £27.6 million.

For further information on Brammer visit [www.brammer.co.uk](http://www.brammer.co.uk) and for more details on Buck & Hickman visit [www.buckandhickman.com](http://www.buckandhickman.com).

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**Notes to Editors:**

Brammer is the UK division of Europe's leading distributor of industrial, maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) products and services. With a turnover in excess of £144 million and more than 800 employees, the company offers a range of more than one million individual products via a nationwide network of more than 90 Sales and Service Centres.

Brammer's extensive product range covers bearings, mechanical power transmission products (including gearboxes and motors), pneumatics, hydraulics, seals and industrial automation, as well as a complete range of tools, maintenance and health and safety products. The company is an authorised distributor for many of the world's leading brands including SKF, NSK, Renold, Gates, Flender, Siemens, SMC, Norgren, Festo, Rocol, 3M, Loctite and Schaeffler UK.

By combining technical expertise with excellence in supply-chain logistics, purchasing and the management of third-party providers, Brammer has a proven track record of saving its customers money within three critical business areas: reducing total acquisition costs, improving overall production efficiency, and reducing working capital. Since 2007, verified cost savings exceeding £80 million have been achieved for Brammer customers in the UK.

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