

28th August 2009**BUCK & HICKMAN WELCOMES NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Buck & Hickman, the leading distributor of tools, maintenance and health & safety products has appointed Howard Luft as its new Managing Director.

Howard was previously the Managing Director of Crown Paints following senior management positions with ICI and Saint Gobain Abrasives. Howard replaces Kelvin Liscombe who has been appointed as Corporate Development Director for The BSS Group plc.

Howard said: "It's fantastic to be joining Buck & Hickman at a very exciting stage in the company's long and prestigious history. Since its acquisition by the BSS Group in April 2007 there has been a tremendous amount of investment in both our branch network and in our IT infrastructure, with our aim being to continually improve customer service.

"I'm looking forward to taking the business to the next level in what will be Buck & Hickman's 180th year of trading."



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