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Buck & Hickman becomes part of Travis Perkins plc

On December 14th 2010 Buck & Hickman's parent company – The BSS Group plc – was acquired by Travis Perkins plc.

Born out of the merger in 1988 of Travis & Arnold and Sandell Perkins, Travis Perkins can trace its history back over 200 years and is a leading company in the builders' merchant and home improvement markets, and is a main supplier to the building and construction market.

The merger of Travis Perkins and the BSS Group creates a major new British plc and the company will now operate 19 separate businesses from over 1,700 branch locations across the UK. Commenting on the merger, Howard Luft, Buck & Hickman's Managing Director said: "Becoming part of Travis Perkins is a fantastic opportunity for Buck & Hickman. Travis Perkins have a great track record as a very successful, customer-focused organisation and the scale of the new business should create all sorts of opportunities to leverage Travis Perkins' infrastructure and buying power to deliver benefits for our customers. This will, I'm sure, herald an exciting new chapter in Buck & Hickman's history".

The BSS Group will continue to trade as The BSS Group Ltd. The Buck & Hickman's new registered company details are as follows: Registered Office: Lodge Way House, Lodge Way, Harlestone Road, Northampton, NN5 7UG. Registered No. 60987 England.

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Notes to editors

The BSS Group plc is a market leading distributor to specialist trades. It has three Divisions: Domestic, Industrial and Specialist. The BSS Group turns over in excess of £1.3billion, operates through 400 trading branches and employs almost 5,000 people. It is headquartered in Leicester and is listed on the UK Stock Exchange.

Buck & Hickman is the UK's leading supplier of tools, maintenance and health and safety products offering 60,000 products to order today and use tomorrow. The Roebuck brand is exclusive to Buck & Hickman and offers a comprehensive range of over 23,000 tools, maintenance and health and safety products. Roebuck products are designed specifically for professional users working in demanding industrial environments.



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