

Press Release

BUCK & HICKMAN INTRODUCES NEW VMI SOLUTION TO THE UK MARKET

Buck & Hickman, the UK's leading distributor of tools, maintenance and health and safety products, has added the new Multi-Store CribMaster to its range of vendor managed inventory (VMI) solutions. With the potential to save users 20-40% on indirect material costs, the Multi-Store can not only save customers money but manages replenishment and stock levels effectively.

The Multi-Store is a medium security machine with shelving in various sized sections throughout the device. The glass doors on the front allow for visible access to the items which creates quick retrieval for employees. Once the door to a section is opened, the touch screen displays all inventory and stock levels. After an item and its quantity are chosen, the touch screen automatically updates the inventory and communicates directly with the supply chain.

Mark Peers, Head of Value Added Services at Buck & Hickman, commented: "The Multi-Store is incredibly flexible. Moveable shelving makes it suitable for everything from hand tools to safety wear and therefore ideal for a wide range of industries. This is the latest state-of-the-art vending machine solution which Buck & Hickman offers to UK manufacturers. VMI is proving to be an efficient and effective way to prevent equipment theft and gain control of indirect material costs."

For further information log on to www.buckandhickman.com or call 08450 510150 for further information. Buck & Hickman is part of The BSS Group Ltd, a market leading distributor to specialist trades.

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Notes to Editors:

The BSS Group

The BSS Group Ltd is a market leading distributor to specialist trades. It has three Divisions: Domestic, Industrial and Specialist. The BSS Group turns over in excess of £1.4 billion, operates through 400 trading branches and employs almost 5,000 people. It is headquartered in Leicester.

Travis Perkins plc

A major PLC, Travis Perkins is a leading company in the builders' merchant and home improvement markets, and is a main supplier to the building and construction market, one of the largest industries in the UK.

Travis Perkins recently acquired the BSS Group. The combined Group turns over in excess of £4.2bn, operates through seventeen businesses with more than 1,650 trading branches, employing around 20,000 colleagues.

Buck & Hickman

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.