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Vp plc

("Vp" or "the Group")

## Safety Business Acquisition

Vp plc's tool hire subsidiary, Hire Station, has acquired the entire issued share capital of Able Safety (Yorkshire) Limited (Able) for a cash consideration of £0.75m. Able, established in 2001, provides safety equipment rental, service and sales, plus confined space training from its Knottingley base in West Yorkshire. Able will be integrated with Hire Station's market leading safety rental activity, ESS Safeforce. In the year to 31st August 2006, Able generated revenues of £0.5m.

John Singleton, MD of Hire Station, commented:

We are very pleased to acquire the Able business which will further consolidate our ESS Safeforce safety rental business' position as leader in this market.'

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## Notes to editors

### About Vp

The principal activity of the Group is equipment rental and associated services almost entirely conducted within the UK. Vp plc listed on the London Stock Exchange in 1973.

The Group is focused on six businesses:

#### Hire Station

Tools and specialist products for industry, construction and home owners.

#### TPA

Portable roadway systems, bridging, fencing and barriers primarily to the UK market, but also in the Republic of Ireland and mainland Europe.

#### Torrent Trackside

Infrastructure equipment and services for the railway renewals and maintenance industry.

#### Groundforce

Excavation support systems and specialist products for the water, civil engineering and construction industries.

#### UK Forks

Rough terrain material handling equipment for industry, residential and general construction.

#### Airpac Bukom Oilfield Services

Equipment and service providers to the international oil and gas exploration and development markets.