

**Press Release**

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**Vp plc**

(“Vp” or “the Group”)

**Acquisition**

Vp plc, the equipment rental specialist, today announces that its tool hire business, Hire Station, has acquired the entire issued share capital of Cool Customers Limited and its holding company (“Cool Customers”) for a cash consideration of £1.0 million.

Cool Customers, established in 1997 and based in Alfreton, Derbyshire, specialises in the hire and sale of air conditioning units, dryers, heaters and chillers to a wide range of customers including the disaster recovery market. Over the last 10 years, Cool Customers and its transferring management team have built up a strong reputation for quality and service. In the year ended 31 March 2006, Cool Customers generated revenues of £1.2 million.

The acquired business will be integrated within Hire Station’s specialist offering of cooling, heating and environmental products, Climate Hire.

Jeremy Pilkington, Chairman, commented:

“The acquisition of Cool Customers is an important stepping stone in Hire Station’s plans to accelerate the development of Climate Hire, its climate products division. Importantly it opens up new markets, including a successful internet offering. Hire Station’s latest acquisition re-affirms the ongoing progress of our tool hire business.”



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**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.



**hire station**

**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.

**About Cool Customers**

Established in 1997, its principle products are focussed on air conditioning, heating and dehumidification. All products are portable and can be used on a temporary or fixed basis.