

Press Release

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The BSS Group plc

Acquisition of Direct Heating Spares and period end trading update

The BSS Group plc ('BSS' or the 'Group'), a leading distributor to specialist trades, is pleased to announce that it has acquired Direct Heating Spares ('DHS') from the Gough family shareholders for a cash consideration of £5.7m (net).

DHS is a leading wholesaler and distributor of spare parts to the heating industry. For the 12 months ended 31 March 2009 revenue was £10.5m and EBITDA £1.2m.

Commenting on the acquisition, Group Chief Executive Gavin Slark said:

"We are delighted to secure the acquisition of DHS. It is a high quality business and significantly enhances our customer proposition in the substantial and growing parts market. It is anticipated that the acquisition will be earnings enhancing in the current financial year just starting".

The BSS Group plc has entered a close period prior to the announcement of its preliminary results on 27 May. Cost savings initiatives have been accelerated during the final quarter of the financial year. As a result, exceptional costs in the 2008/9 financial year will be higher. The Board continues to anticipate that underlying earnings, prior to exceptional costs and amortisation of intangibles, will be in line with last year. The Group's financial position remains strong with expected net debt at year end 31 March 2009 of £86m (31 March 2008: £104m).

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