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Brand new HSS supercentres to open in Leeds and Bootle

Manchester. December 8th 2008. HSS Hire (<http://www.hss.com>), the national tool and equipment hire company, is celebrating the end of 2008 with the launch of two new specialist supercentres in Leeds (<http://www.hss.com/leeds>) and Bootle (<http://www.hss.com/bootle>).

The unveiling of the stores completes what has been a busy year for HSS, with the company having also launched supercentres in Manchester, Solihull and Beckton as well as premier centres in Glasgow, Inverness, Dublin and High Wycombe.

With either extended or 24 hour opening times, the UK-wide network of HSS supercentres and premier centres support a hub of other centres in each region, carrying an extended range of HSS equipment, including powered access, safety and protection gear, specialist welding apparatus and surveying equipment, as well as consumables and work wear retail stock.

David Downie, Branch Director, comments: "HSS continues to find improved ways of servicing both our existing and new customer base. The new stores are specifically designed to meet the needs of both groups and the supercentres at Leeds and Bootle reflect the fact that there is a strong demand for an experienced tool hire company with specialist capabilities to supply the respective regions.

"Whether we're offering 24 hour opening, specialist equipment for hire or state-of-the-art training facilities, our customers know they can rely on us to provide them with what they need, when and where they need it".

Further information on the new stores can be found at: www.hss.com/leeds and www.hss.com/bootle

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Notes to editors:

HSS Hire Service Group is a UK-based tool and equipment hire chain. Operating under the banner of HSS Hire, the group has an established nationwide network of over 250 locations including a number of supercentres with extended opening hours. Established in 1957, the company now has a 2,300 strong workforce and a fleet of over 800 vehicles.

HSS Hire runs a dedicated training company and is the only tool and equipment hire company to hold a 4

star British Safety Award.

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