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Bryan Jackson, CBE Appointed Non-Executive Director of Unipart Group

Unipart has appointed Bryan Jackson, CBE as a Non-Executive Director of Unipart Group.

Bryan Jackson has been a Director of Unipart Manufacturing Group since 2005, taking on the role of Deputy Chairman in 2007 after a long and successful career with Ford and Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Limited.

Mr Jackson joined Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd at the start of its UK project in 1990; he retired from the position of Managing Director in 2004, having previously spent 23 years with Ford Motor Company. Between 2004 and 2009 he was an advisor to Toyota in Europe. During his career, he has worked in many disciplines holding senior positions and managing several different plants in the UK and Europe covering the full range of vehicle manufacturing.

He is also a keen advocate in developing UK manufacturing on the global stage. He is a past Chairman of the East Midlands Development Agency, having first been appointed to this role in 2004. He was also previously Chairman of the East Midlands Regional Council of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

Mr Jackson is currently Chairman of the Wesleyan Assurance Society, a post he has held since 2010. From 2007 to May 2010, Mr Jackson held the role of non-executive Director of the Wesleyan Assurance Society.

He also currently holds the position of Chairman of the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham.

His commitment to UK manufacturing was recognised in the 2012 New Year Honours when he received the CBE for services to economic development and manufacturing.

Commenting on the appointment, Unipart Chairman and Group Chief Executive John Neill said:

“I am delighted to welcome Bryan to the Group Board. His considerable energy and expertise will be invaluable. His depth and breadth of knowledge of the automotive sector is second-to-none and will bring considerable benefits to our business during this exciting and challenging period of the growth for Unipart Group.”

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“Bryan’s track record speaks for itself...during his tenure at Unipart Manufacturing Group, the business has seen significant growth in a number of new and exciting sectors, as well as recently securing a £1.3m grant from the Growing Places fund which will mean long-term investment in facilities and jobs within UMG”

Mr Jackson said in response to the announcement “I am very much looking forward to working with the wider Unipart Group. My experience at UMG has been extremely positive. I have been struck by the dedication, passion and commitment of the employees at Unipart and am proud to be part of a team that time and time again rises to the challenge of today’s economic climate”



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Editors’ Notes:

About The Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs over 10,000 people worldwide and has an annual turnover of around £1billion. It has operations in the logistics, manufacturing and consultancy areas across a wide range of industry sectors including manufacturing, rail, automotive, retail and technology.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group’s integrated business system known as The Unipart Way. This is a philosophy of working underpinned by tools and techniques that inspires efficiency, flexibility and outstanding customer service in any process.