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Mobis Selects Unipart as New UK Logistics Partner

Unipart has won a five-year contract with Mobis Parts Europe UK (MPEUK), the parts and logistics side of the Hyundai Group. The services to be supplied by Unipart's specialist supply chain management arm cover parts warehousing and distribution to all Hyundai and Kia dealers in the UK and Ireland.

Based at MPEUK's new, purpose-built 20,500m² distribution centre at Birch Coppice Business Park near Tamworth, Staffordshire, the new business win is expected to result in the relocation of 50 jobs by mid-2009.

The new partnership will involve the handling of all inbound logistics, storage management, outbound logistics distribution management and reverse logistics. The operation has now gone live to all Hyundai dealers, with new Kia dealers following in May 2009.

According to MPEUK's Managing Director, Hoon Lee:

"We wanted to find a new partner who was progressive, active and passionate, and during the tender process we found Unipart was the company that could meet that requirement. Unipart is a company that is eager to learn and improve, so it's very flexible and very adaptable, with all its staff keen to improve themselves.

"We have learned a lot of things from Unipart already, especially some progressive ways to make permanent improvements. We are sharing and we have one business, so we can progress together and develop common goals together."

Mike Varnom, Managing Director, Unipart Aftermarket Logistics, comments:

"This contract builds on our proven expertise in the automotive sector and we are proud to add Mobis to our list of blue-chip clients, such as Jaguar, Land Rover and London Taxis International.

"This new partnership with Mobis demonstrates the true benefits of the outstanding hard work of our people and their achievements in delivering lean solutions to our clients worldwide.

"This will be a market-leading operation based upon our parts aftermarket experience and will build upon our credentials of relentless focus on the end customer and outstanding operational efficiency offered through our unique way of working, The Unipart Way."

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Editors' Notes:

An image is available upon request to accompany this release.

About Unipart Group

The Unipart Group employs more than 9000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is one of Europe's leading logistics companies and a widely-recognised pioneer in the field of Lean implementation.

Operating across a range of market sectors, including automotive, leisure, marine, manufacturing, mobile telecoms, rail, retail and technology, Unipart offers a breadth of services from third party logistics to expert consultancy.

All Unipart sites operate according to the Group's proprietary version of Lean 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.

Unipart also offers expert consultancy in implementing Lean principles and in supply chain management across a variety of industry sectors.

The Group's clients include Halfords, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, 3, BSkyB, Jaguar, Severn Trent Water and HMRC.

About Mobis

Mobis Parts Europe UK (MPEUK) is the automotive parts and logistics division of Hyundai Mobis and is responsible for the supply of Hyundai and Kia parts and accessories throughout Europe.

Hyundai Mobis is the largest Korean auto parts company. Further company information is available at www.mobis.co.kr