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PRESS RELEASE

Lavendon Group plc (“Lavendon”)

Acquisition of Higher Platforms Ltd

Lavendon Group plc, Europe’s market leaders in the rental of powered access equipment, today announces the acquisition of Higher Platforms Limited (“Higher Platforms”).

Higher Platforms is a market leader in the powered access market and is renowned for its specialist range of access equipment and its customer service excellence. The company will continue to operate under its own identity within the Lavendon Group although seeking to gain immediate benefit from maximising asset-sharing opportunities across all of the UK Lavendon companies.

Lavendon’s Chief Executive, Kevin Appleton said, “This is an important addition to our existing network of regional businesses and the acquisition of Higher Platforms further strengthens our position as the leading choice for the supply of powered access equipment within the UK.

Lavendon’s UK Chief Executive, Andy Wright, said, “Higher Platforms is an excellent business with an enviable reputation in the market. It employs a great team of people and we see its addition as being positive news for Lavendon UK.

For Higher Platforms, Managing Director, Leigh Farmer, said “We see this as a great opportunity for Higher Platform’s staff and customers. We have built a strong business over the past few years but recognised that we needed to find a way to offer a broader range of products and services. Becoming part of the Lavendon Group offers us all of the advantages of a large, national company structure but allows us to keep our business culture and customer relationships intact. It also offers increased career opportunities for our staff”

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