

Acquisition of A.M.P Access Limited

Lavendon Group plc, Europe's market leaders in the rental of powered access equipment, today announces the acquisition of A.M.P Access Limited ("A.M.P").

As with the acquisition of Panther Work Platforms and Kestrel announced earlier this year, A.M.P Access Ltd will continue to operate under its own identity within the Lavendon Group. A.M.P, Panther and Kestrel already have existing strong trading links and, along with Nationwide, all companies will maximise asset-sharing opportunities.

Lavendon's Chief Executive, Kevin Appleton said, "A.M.P has a strong reputation and position in the South West with a number of its customers showing huge growth potential. Following on from our acquisitions of Panther and Kestrel, this is an important addition to our new network of regional businesses, complementing the geographic coverage of these acquisitions. The regional businesses address different customer types and markets to the Group's existing brands. A.M.P and their customers can now benefit from the breadth and depth of fleet and the administrative support of the largest powered access company in Europe."

For A.M.P, Chairman Mike Boyle said, "I am convinced that this is a move that can only have a positive impact for both the staff and customers of A.M.P. Access Ltd. Since our formation in 1993, we have grown the business through a clear focus on our customers' needs, and as a result, we are seeing ever-increasing demand from a wider range of customers. With the access to such a vast range of equipment that this deal brings, we will be able to expand our services still further. Both Andy Pearson (Managing Director) and I are delighted to become part of the Lavendon Group management team and to join forces with some of the very best people in the industry."