



ESS SafeForce Acquisition

I am pleased to announce today the acquisition, by Hire Station, of the entire issued share capital of Northern Site Supplies and the business and assets of Northern Site Supplies Test & Calibration Services ("NSS").

NSS, established in 1993, provides temporary safety lighting and site electrics principally to the petrochemical and industrial sectors from its Teesside base in Middlesbrough.

The NSS team have considerable experience of their target market and we are delighted to welcome Dave Craven and his colleagues on board.

Jonathan Newport