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Merlin Diesel from the UK joins TEMOT International's Value Network

Ratingen, 10. March 2023 - TEMOT International welcomes a new shareholder to its network: Merlin Diesel Ltd, a leading global supplier of spare parts and test equipment for diesel injection systems headquartered in Lancashire, UK, has joined the International Trading Group, effective January 2023.

Merlin Diesel is an authorized distributor and service partner for world renowned brands. The company supplies customers in more than 100 countries with products for automotive, industrial, rail and marine applications. It stocks a wide range of diesel injection spare parts, starters, alternators, and vehicle electronic components. In addition, fuel pumps and fuel injectors can be found in the range, new or remanufactured to the manufacturers' specifications. The company's portfolio further covers a lineup of oil, fuel, air and hydraulic filters as well as diagnostic equipment and repair solutions for diesel systems.

Merlin Diesel's headquarters in Preston, Lancashire, provides 7,110 square meters of space for sales as well as testing and remanufacturing facilities, plus a 5,200 square-meter warehouse with a continuous inventory of 137,000 SKUs. Apart from the Preston site, the company operates three further branches in the UK: one in Halifax (Yorkshire), one in Harrow (London) and one in Colchester, where it recently acquired Colchester Fuel Injection. In addition, it owns a subsidiary in Shanghai, China: Kunshan Merlin Diesel. All UK branches have service and remanufacturing facilities where diesel injection systems are maintained.

The company looks back at 75 years of history. "Merlin" was founded in 1947, specializing in diesel fuel injection, test equipment, maintenance, and machinery. In 1960 it was renamed to "Merlin International Engineers Ltd" and started testing and calibrating diesel fuel injection equipment for motor vehicles, rail vehicles, ships, and plants. In 1991, Merlin was finally purchased by current chairman and director Ken Bramley and finance director Jonathan Chaytor at the time, and then renamed to "Merlin Diesel Systems Ltd" in 2001. Today, it employs 150 people.

"Merlin Diesel is a great addition to our network in the UK," says Fotios Katsardis, President and CEO of TEMOT International. "The company not only stands for sought-after, leading expertise in the field of diesel technology, but also lives a trusting and respectful partnership with customers. It has continuously developed its business and invested in customer proximity and best-in-class service. We are already looking forward to exploiting new business opportunities together with our new Shareholder!"



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