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UNIPART AND H2 EQUITY PARTNERS ANNOUNCE COMPLETION OF DEAL

Unipart Group and H2 Equity Partners have announced the completion of their deal for H2 to acquire a controlling stake in Unipart Automotive, one of the UK's largest independent suppliers of car parts, workshop consumables and garage equipment. The agreement was completed on 30 September, 2011 and gives H2 Equity Partners majority ownership in the UK operation. Unipart Group will retain a 49.9% share and Patrick Kalverboer, managing partner at H2, will become Executive Chairman of the new company.

Unipart Automotive has around 175 branches with sales of over £175m. As part of the deal Unipart Automotive's 2,100 employees nationally will transfer to the new company, which will continue to trade under the Unipart Automotive brand.

H2 already owns a controlling interest in Sator Holding B.V. -- the market leading importer and distributor of parts for the automotive aftermarket in the Benelux, and Northern France. The acquisition of Unipart Automotive, will allow H2 to promote "best practice" cooperation between Sator Holding and Unipart Automotive in areas such as product management, IT systems and sourcing capabilities. H2 Equity Partners has also created a new buying group called AP United, which will combine the purchasing volumes and ranges of both companies and improve efficiencies for its suppliers as well as its members.

Over the next few months a multi-million pound, joint forward investment programme is planned, together with a significant expansion of Unipart Automotive's current range of parts and accessories - to around 160,000 products - making it the most comprehensive automotive replacement parts offering available in the UK.

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John M Neill, Unipart Group Chief Executive and Patrick Kalverboer, Managing Partner, H2 Equity Partners sign the deal on the future of Unipart Automotive

Editors' Notes:

About H2:

H2 Equity Partners (H2) is an independent private equity firm founded in 1991, with offices in Amsterdam, Munich and London. H2 focuses on turnaround-and-growth investments in mid-sized companies in the Benelux, Germany and the UK that can benefit from its in-house operating skills and expertise. H2 Equity Partners has built an attractive track record over 20 years and has approximately € 500 million under management.

About The Unipart Group:

The Unipart Group employs more than 10,000 personnel worldwide and has an annual turnover of more than £1billion. It is a leading full service logistics provider and consultant in operational excellence.

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 Sainsbury's, ASOS.com, Homebase, Vodafone, 3, BSKyB, Jaguar Land Rover, and HMRC.

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