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200TH STORE MILESTONE FOR SCREWFIX

The start of 2012 marks a high for Screwfix as the multi-channel trade supplier celebrates the launch of its 200th trade counter, creating a considerable national network for the brand that only began to introduce its store offering just six years ago.

The 200th store opened its doors at Heathrow on 26 January, a fitting location given that Screwfix is set to have 50 stores inside the M25 by the end of January 2012, creating almost 400 jobs in the process and making the leading trade brand even more accessible for busy tradesman on the move around and inside the M25.

Screwfix CEO, Steve Willett, said: "This is another fantastic milestone for Screwfix. Our national network is thriving and we're especially pleased to bolster our presence around the Capital. This geographical expansion and the development of our 'Click, Collect & Go' service - which enables customers to check that the products they require are in stock, online or on their mobile, and then collect just 15 minutes later from their local branch – is helping us get physically closer to more customers, as well as providing an overall more convenient service for them."

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Notes to editors

Screwfix is the UK's leading multi-channel supplier of thousands of high quality screws, fixings, hand tools, power tools, plumbing and electrical supplies. Combining trade prices and a massive range of leading brand name items, the unrivalled Screwfix catalogue offers over 18,000 products available for next day delivery or same day collection at 200 Trade Counters nationwide. Order over the phone, online or via mobile app before 6pm for next day delivery or collect within 15 mins at any trade counter.

Screwfix is part of **Kingfisher plc**, Europe's leading home improvement retail group and the third largest in the world, with over 900 stores in eight countries in Europe and Asia. Its main retail brands are B&Q, Castorama, Brico Dépôt and Screwfix.

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