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TAKE IT EASY WITH YOUR DIY...

Research by leading UK trade supplier Screwfix has revealed that a growing number of tradesmen are being called to the rescue by their customers to repair larger DIY jobs gone wrong.

The research highlighted that 84 per cent of tradesmen, have been called to repair a job caused by an over ambitious DIY attempt over the last 12 months as a result of consumers trying to cut costs in the current economic climate.

92 per cent of those surveyed reported that repairing 'botched' DIY jobs costs the consumer more than originally anticipated, with two thirds of tradesmen revealing that they have been enlisted to fix a job done by a 'cowboy' builder.

John Mewett, marketing director at Screwfix, explains: "As many of our customers demonstrate, there are lots of experienced DIY-ers out there who are knowledgeable enough to tackle key DIY projects. However, the current economic climate has led to a trend of 'over ambition' from both experienced and less able DIY-ers, and our research has shown tackling large scale or technically demanding projects without the help of a qualified tradesman can leave DIY-ers in uncomfortable and potentially dangerous situations when things don't go to plan."

The most extreme cases of 'botched' jobs tradesmen have been called in to put right include the incorrect installation of fires and boilers, inaccurate electrical wiring, and the faulty set-up of shower enclosures and trays, some of which are projects that are legally required to be completed by qualified tradesmen.

John Mewett continues: "Whilst we encourage our customers to tackle smaller projects, more complicated DIY jobs are best left to tradesmen, and Screwfix is committed to high quality workmanship in the trade sector. Our alliances with industry bodies and annual

'Britain's Top Tradesman' competition are just a few of the initiatives and partnerships that make the brand synonymous with professionalism and excellence in the trade."

For more information on Screwfix, log on to www.screwfix.com, or call 0500 414141.

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Note to editors

About Screwfix:

Recognised as being "where the trade buys" and promising a fast, reliable service, 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, Screwfix offers over 18,000 products and is fully committed to customer care and support.

Screwfix's *Click & Collect* service enables customers to purchase thousands of products online, and collect them in over 220 branches nationwide, just 15 minutes later, ensuring tradesmen have what they need, when they need it.

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