



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **OIL INDUSTRY REPEAT SUCCESS FOR HARROGATE**

FPS EXPO, the biggest event in the UK oil distribution industry's calendar has announced this month that it will return next year to the Harrogate International Centre on 21-22 April 2010 and due to the success of the 2009 show, organisers the Federation of Petroleum Suppliers (FPS) are planning a five year deal with the Harrogate International Centre.

Following a busy 2009 event which had over 2000 visitors visiting 106 exhibitors spread over 7000 sq metres of exhibition space, the FPS said that despite the gloom of the recession and with many other industry exhibitions being cancelled FPS EXPO 2009 proved to be a huge success with many exhibitors securing thousands of pounds worth of orders and a huge number of additional enquiries.

FPS EXPO 2010 already has over 60% of the stand space booked with 90% of those bookings taken by exhibitors at the 2009 event. Organisers the FPS say the number of stands being booked does not seem to have been affected by the economic downturn.



FPS EXPO organiser Vanessa Cook commented: "Although the recession is on, interest has been exceptionally high, with many long standing exhibitors getting their bookings in early. Plus, Harrogate is always a favorite with both exhibitors and visitors alike, hence our reason for planning to hold the event there for the next five years. When deciding on a venue for the FPS EXPO, there are a lot of boxes that we need to tick to make our exhibition a success, 8000 sqm minimum exhibition space, floor loading capacity to accommodate commercial vehicles, a venue to hold a dinner for 700, location of hotels and restaurants – these are just a few and Harrogate ticked all of those and more.

Companies looking to exhibit at FPS EXPO 2010 should contact Vanessa Cook on Tel: +44 (0) 1565 631313 or Fax +44 (0) 1565 631314 or e-mail: [vc@fpsonline.co.uk](mailto:vc@fpsonline.co.uk)

Future FPS EXPO dates at Harrogate are:

21 & 22 April 2010 - confirmed

13 & 14 April 2011- confirmed

18 & 19 April 2012 – provisional

17 & 18 April 2013 – provisional

9 & 10 April 2014 - confirmed

## **ENDS**

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