

## Hull-based safety expert relocates Industrial Hose Division to a new £2m purpose-built facility

UK Safety Expert <u>Arco</u> has recently moved its Industrial Hose Division to a new larger facility of 17,500m<sup>3</sup>, next door to Arco's National Distribution Centre (NDC), on the outskirts of Hull. As one of the UK's biggest industrial hose distributors, the new facility contains a dedicated and comprehensive range of industrial hose solutions suitable for all types of industries and applications.

As part of Arco's investment programme, the new £2m purpose-built facility provides increased storage capacity as well as improved efficiencies for working and more accessible machinery, allowing for quicker turn-around of customer orders, with the majority of stock lines orders processed in less than 24 hours.

The new facility also contains a dedicated workroom area, featuring an upstairs mezzanine for small hose assembly with bench top working and a new flexible working space downstairs to enable projects of different sizes and capacities to be accommodated. Significant investment in equipment has allowed the team to add a custom-made test container for pressure testing larger assemblies, alongside two smaller fully contained cabinets, creating a safer working environment for operatives whilst ensuring that all hoses are safe to use for their intended application. The facility also houses an office on-site for its specialist customer service team who offer customers expert guidance on choosing the right hose products, as well as advice on hose safety and relevant legislation.

Hoses are used in a wide variety of companies in many sectors, from workshops and light manufacturing businesses, to large utilities, heavy manufacturing and offshore drilling operations. The right hose products are essential for efficient operations, as well as for worker safety, so it is important to get the right products, at the right specifications, tested and fit for each application.

Providing customers with reliable equipment, Arco Industrial Hose Division offers customers access to over 3,000 product lines and over 600,000 meters of hose. Working each year with more than

4,000 trading accounts, the team has over 200 years of industry knowledge enabling them to deliver expert advice on an array of hose products and applications.

Daniel Frith, Product & Procurement Manager – Industrial Hose, said: "The move to this new facility will provide greater storage capacity for our products and a working environment that's more flexible for the team, meaning that we can sustain and even improve upon our current customer service levels, as well as enable our future growth ambitions."

For more information about Arco's Industrial Hose provision, for technical support or expert advice, please contact Arco Industrial Hose or visit

https://www.arco.co.uk/expert advice hose ducting

## About Arco

Arco is the UK's leading products and services safety company with a core purpose of keeping people safe at work. Through its dedicated in house experts, Arco helps to shape the safety world in order to ensure UK workers go home safe every night. It distributes a world-class range of over 170,000 quality assured, branded and own brand products, including personal protective equipment, workwear, safety footwear, gloves, workplace safety and hygiene products. It also provides professional services encompassing training, consultancy and site services.

Headquartered in Hull, Arco reaches its customers through its extensive product catalogue, interactive website and national network of retail stores. The company has sales of over £295m and employs approximately 1600 people nationwide.

Arco is committed to providing safety equipment that is genuine and compliant with relevant standards and regulations. To do this, it has a five step product assurance process and is the only safety distributor with an independently accredited testing laboratory. Additionally, it is a member of the BSIF Registered Safety Suppliers Scheme.

Founded in 1884 and with a heritage spanning four generations, Arco demonstrates traditional family values and is dedicated to its Corporate Social Responsibility policy. Each year Arco donates more than 1% of its net profit to good causes and supports the development of various community and charitable programs, as well as national fundraising projects. Arco aims to not only provide financial support, but share skills, resources and create lasting partnerships. Arco was the first member within the H&S industry to join the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) incorporating their internationally recognised code of labour practice into its own ethical policy and in 2010 became a member of Sedex, the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange. To ensure ethical standards are continuously met throughout its supply chain, Arco carries out regular audits among all suppliers and, working with the ETI and other regulatory bodies, the company plays a leading role in helping to eliminate modern day slavery across the globe. For more information, visit www.arco.co.uk.