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FRAIKIN LIFTS THE LOAD FOR BENCHMARK BUILDING SUPPLIES

Fraikin has cemented its relationship with Manchester-based Benchmark Building Supplies with the delivery of four new site delivery trucks on a full-service contract hire agreement.

As part of the package, Fraikin will provide all servicing, maintenance and repairs for the new 26-tonne Mercedes-Benz Antos rigid – including the vehicles' six-weekly safety inspections, annual MOT testing, tyre management and 24/7 roadside assistance.

Benchmark Building Supplies Managing Director Phillip Brown says: "Fraikin really took the time to look at our specific needs and understand our business. It then tailored a package that really suited us. We wanted a supplier that could help us manage our fleet costs and ensure compliance whilst giving us complete visibility of the vehicles at all times. Fraikin has taken that burden off our shoulders and allowed us to focus on our core business."

To assist with the loading and unloading of building supplies to sites with difficult access, each of the new vehicles has been specially fitted with lightweight mesh dropsides and a remote-controlled Hiab crane with brick grab. The new trucks will join the company's fleet of 14 vehicles, which carry out more than 150 deliveries a day, supplying building materials to a customer base of more than 1,200 construction companies of varying sizes.

Benchmark Building Supplies will also benefit from the fleet service provider's web portal FraikinView, which allows for real-time reporting of possible vehicle defects online, access to the vehicle's full service history and monitoring of up-to-the-minute progress of vehicle breakdowns. To assist Benchmark Building Supplies optimise its fleet scheduling, the portal also lists planned maintenance work and hosts important vehicle documentation and fleet information to aid compliance.

Founded in 1996, Benchmark Building Supplies is an independent builder's merchants based in the North West, trading from seven trading locations around the M60 Greater Manchester Inner Ring Road.

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About Fraikin

Fraikin Ltd is part of the [Fraikin Group](#), the largest commercial vehicle fleet services company in Europe, providing expert fleet management, contract hire and rental solutions to both the private and public sector. The Fraikin Group, established in France in 1944 by Gérard Fraikin, has operations in 16 countries, with more than 2,800 employees, 7,000 clients, 180 branches and a fleet of 60,000 vehicles. Its operations span Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Poland and the UK. Since 2007 Fraikin has been owned by [CVC Capital Partners](#), one of the world's leading private equity and investment advisory firms.

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