



### *News Release*

## **VIPAR Heavy Duty Continues to Invest in Innovation with Evolution of PARTSPHERE™ Digital Ecosystem**

- *Expansion of PARTSPHERE OMS includes more supplier and distributor integrations*
- *Launch of PARTSPHERE FLEET supports national fleet account ordering and invoicing*
- *Continued evolution of PARTSPHERE PIM data with nearly one million part numbers*

**Crystal Lake, Ill. – July 9, 2021** – [VIPAR Heavy Duty](#) continues to invest in innovation and the evolution of its PARTSPHERE Digital Ecosystem suite of technology products as part of the organization’s long-term strategy to offer best-in-class technology and information-related solutions to support the success of the network. Since PARTSPHERE’s inception in 2019, VIPAR Heavy Duty has remained focused on implementing new functionality and enhancements to its existing platforms as well as the overall development and expansion of the technology suite.

PARTSPHERE OMS, an order management system that facilitates the electronic transmission of orders, invoices, and documents between distributors and suppliers, has seen a significant increase in adoption within the network since its launch. All of VIPAR Heavy Duty’s 116 distributors are fully integrated and 87 of the network’s supplier partners are set up, or in the process of finalizing integration, to conduct their electronic data interchange (EDI) transactions faster and with greater accuracy through the platform.

VIPAR Heavy Duty recently expanded its order management technology with the launch of PARTSPHERE FLEET, its next generation fleet order management system, to connect distributors and national fleet trading partners. Powered by the same innovative technology behind PARTSPHERE OMS, PARTSPHERE FLEET integrates with distributors’ systems and utilizes EDI capabilities to provide a scalable parts ordering solution for fleet customers based on modern technology and with increased functionality. Automated algorithms conduct parts matching and price validation to streamline the ordering process and improve accuracy, optimizing time and resource savings for distributors and their fleet customers.

“The past year has accelerated an already growing need for digitization in our industry,” said Andrei Katibnikov, vice president of information technology, VIPAR Heavy Duty. “VIPAR Heavy Duty’s focus

on integration within PARTSPHERE OMS, the launch of PARTSPHERE FLEET, and our continued investment in our full digital platform ensures distributors, suppliers, and fleet and end-user customers have the necessary tools to support and grow their business, delivering True Group Value to benefit our entire network.”

PARTSPHERE PIM, the organization’s state-of-the-art product information management system, contains information to help distributors and their customers easily locate needed parts. Continuous improvements have been implemented to support the growing breadth and depth of quality data, including product attributes, descriptions, interchanges, image assets and more. With nearly one million parts currently managed in PARTSPHERE PIM, the rollout and evolution of partner integrations with the platform, combined with enhancements to the organization’s PARTSPHERE CLOUD file sharing system, makes transferring product information to its end-use technology platforms more efficient, reducing the time required to manage the data, and increasing speed to market.

“The importance of rich product information is critical, particularly as the demand for data and the adoption rate of digital commerce increases and affects how our distributors conduct business,” said Jeff Paul, vice president of marketing, VIPAR Heavy Duty. “The ongoing process of curating and distributing quality product data supports our mission to help distributors best serve their customers today and into the future.”

VIPAR Heavy Duty’s PARTSPHERE Digital Ecosystem also includes PARTSPHERE MDM, a master data management system, and PARTSPHERE B2B digital commerce solutions.

For more information on VIPAR Heavy Duty, visit [www.vipar.com](http://www.vipar.com) or email: [info@vipar.com](mailto:info@vipar.com).

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### **About VIPAR Heavy Duty**

VIPAR Heavy Duty is North America’s leading network of independent aftermarket truck parts distributors. VIPAR Heavy Duty distributors serve the needs of their customers from more than 690 locations across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico. VIPAR Heavy Duty distributors are specialists who understand the demands of their local, regional, and national customers for quality parts and exceptional service. VIPAR Heavy Duty also operates two wholly owned subsidiaries, Global Parts Network, LLC and Power Heavy Duty LLC, as part of the VIPAR Heavy Duty Family of Companies. VIPAR Heavy Duty is a proud member of NEXUS North America and NEXUS Automotive International, a worldwide group of parts distributors committed to bringing a global approach to the automotive and commercial vehicle aftermarket industries. For more information, visit [www.vipar.com](http://www.vipar.com).

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