



News Release

VIPAR Heavy Duty Deploys COVID-19 Resource Center for Stockholders *Numerous assets and resources launched at outset of pandemic to assist stockholders; COVID-19 coordinator appointed*

- *VIPAR Heavy Duty information center provides stockholders with COVID-19 resources*
- *New discussion forum enables stockholders to connect and share best practices*
- *VIPAR Heavy Duty connecting with suppliers to provide real time operations updates*

Crystal Lake, IL – April 29, 2020 – In the early weeks since the COVID-19 outbreak, [VIPAR Heavy Duty](#) has launched several resources for its distributors, including a COVID-19 information center and stockholder discussion forum, to assist with business operations during the pandemic. The organization also named a dedicated COVID-19 coordinator to deliver relevant and timely information to its distributor network.

VIPAR Heavy Duty's COVID-19 information center provides a single source for distributors to access information on legislation, financial programs, business webinars and resources available from industry, state and federal organizations covering the United States, Canada and Mexico.

In addition, VIPAR Heavy Duty has launched an online discussion forum where stockholders can share their experiences and offer support and advice to their peers. Discussion threads address business topics related to COVID-19 as well as other areas of interest within the heavy duty aftermarket.

Acknowledging the important role of suppliers within the supply chain, VIPAR Heavy Duty is working with its supplier partners to help distributors stay informed on the status of operations, availability of product and developing additional support to assist distributors in managing the impact COVID-19 is having on business.

"Our distributors and supplier partners are together on the front line playing a crucial role in supporting the transportation industry and our mutual end-user customers," said Chris Baer, president and CEO, VIPAR Heavy Duty. "With the length of the U curve looking a bit longer than originally anticipated, VIPAR Heavy Duty is focused on taking care of our people and keeping our network well-informed and well-equipped to remain healthy and sustain business operations. Our

ongoing response to COVID-19 and the resources and tools we are providing to our network are effective ways we can lead.”

For more information on VIPAR Heavy Duty, visit www.vipar.com or email: 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 650 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.

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