

News Release

VIPAR Heavy Duty Named N! Automotive International Truck Member of the Year

Crystal Lake, IL – (March 13, 2019) VIPAR Heavy Duty was named the Truck Member of the Year at the annual NEXUS Automotive International (N!) Business Forum held last week in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

VIPAR Heavy Duty was recognized for their high achievement, significant growth and leadership and was selected from a field of more than 40 N! heavy duty members and member networks. Chris Baer, president and CEO, VIPAR Heavy Duty, accepted the award at the forum attended by more than 500 global aftermarket leaders and professionals. This was the first year the N! Business Forum featured an event dedicated to the global heavy duty aftermarket.

"We appreciate being recognized amongst a field of strong heavy duty focused members from around the world," said Baer. "NEXUS Automotive International and our partnership with The Automotive Distribution Network and Automotive Parts Associates has proven to be a valuable resource to the VIPAR Heavy Duty Family of Companies. It has connected us to a highly innovative and progressive global commercial vehicle community while allowing us to focus on our North America strategies and markets as we serve our distributors, suppliers and collective end-user customers."

The N! Business Forum serves as a platform to update N! members and suppliers on services, support and new developments within the N! community. Attendees have the opportunity to conduct business, collaborate and network with other global aftermarket professionals through speed meetings, corporate strategy presentations and shared dialogue. This year's event marked the fifth anniversary of N!.

"The N! Heavy Duty community is already significant and is growing. Deciding who should be the first N! Truck Member of the Year was a difficult choice as we had many high achieving companies to choose from," remarked Gael Escribe, CEO, N!. "But, in the end, VIPAR was the outstanding candidate, having enjoyed strong business growth over a five-year period. It was a well-deserved award and particularly pleasing as it was the first award made to an N! member in North America."

VIPAR Heavy Duty is a founding member of NEXUS North America, a part of the N! global community.

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 630 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.

About NEXUS North America

NEXUS North America is a leading aftermarket trade group and the exclusive partner for NEXUS Automotive International SA in North America. The organization is comprised of The Automotive Distribution Network, Automotive Parts Associates and VIPAR Heavy Duty, who collaborate to share ideas, knowledge and strategies to best meet the needs of customers in their respective market segments – ranging from light passenger through heavy duty commercial vehicles.

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