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Hague Plant Wins Major Trade Mark Claim

Starts... Trade Mark lawyers at Walker Morris have helped Hague Plant Limited succeed in its trade mark infringement and passing off claim against MHH Contracting Limited, a company previously known as Hague Plant Excavations Limited, and run by Martin Hague, a former director of Hague Plant Limited.

Sheffield-based Hague Plant Limited, which has substantial UK wide operations in plant hire, skip hire, contracting, tipping and other services, brought an action in the High Court against the formerly named Hague Plant Excavations Limited after it set up in competition to Hague Plant Limited in 2009.

Under the terms of a court order by the High Court in Leeds, both MHH Contracting Limited and Martin Hague, a former director of Hague Plant Limited, have undertaken to rebrand and cease any further use of the Hague and Hague Plant names. In addition, the defendants have been ordered to pay costs and damages.

Patrick Cantrill, Partner and Head of Intellectual Property at law firm Walker Morris said:

"This is an important victory for Hague Plant. The name is well recognised in their industry and the trade mark infringement was shown to be causing commercial damage to their brand. We are delighted with the outcome and feel it will provide greater clarity for all concerned. The case also demonstrates how vital it is for businesses to protect the commercial value of their brand and trade marks."

Patrick Cantrill, Sam Bristow, solicitor, and Alan Harper, solicitor, from Walker Morris' IP Group advised Hague Plant Limited. Shulmans acted for MHH Contracting Limited (formerly Hague Plant Excavations Limited) and Martin Hague.

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