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AUTOGAS CONVERSION NETWORK DRIVES FORWARD EASIER LPG ACCESS

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Launched at the start of 2015 to provide easier access to quality LPG vehicle conversions, the first phase of appointments to Autogas' new nationwide network of garages is now complete.

Sharing Autogas' vision of providing cheaper and cleaner motoring for drivers, five expert garages have been hand-picked to launch the network. Located in key strategic locations around the UK, including Edinburgh, the north-east, Birmingham and the north-west, the workshops were selected after rigorous assessments to ensure they are technically competent and deliver service to the very highest standards.

Linda Gomersall, general manager of Autogas, is thrilled with the progress the LPG supplier has made: "This pioneering scheme is part of our long term vision to place LPG as a leading solution to the growing problem of air pollution. In making autogas LPG conversions more readily available and ensuring converters deliver the best service for fleet operators and private individuals, we expect that many more drivers will be making the switch to the cleaner fuel which also helps to significantly lower their fuel bills too."

Autogas anticipates the demand for LPG conversions to take on extra significance in the coming months, following the recent Supreme Court ruling that ordered the UK to prepare new air quality plans for submission to the European Commission before the end of 2015. Having consistently breached EU emission limits for nitrogen oxide (NO2) in recent years, a pollutant most commonly emitted by diesel engines, the new government will be forced to address the issue and offer more radical plans to improve UK air quality. As LPG vehicles emit less than 80 per cent NO2 compared with diesel vehicles, the new Autogas conversion network is ideally placed to assist drivers in making the switch to a cleaner alternative.

Linda concluded: "With air pollution responsible for up to 29,000 deaths per year – more than obesity and alcohol combined, and equivalent to a town the size of Stratford upon Avon – we hope our growing network of expert specialists will become an integral element of the UK's plans to improve air quality."

Following the initial recruitment phase, Autogas intends to add more members throughout the year, with plans to grow the network to more than 20 members by the end of 2015.

To find out more about autogas LPG and how you can convert your car to run on the cheaper, cleaner fuel, visit <u>www.autogaslimited.co.uk</u>.

Notes

Autogas Limited is a joint venture between Shell and Calor. Established in 2000 with the sole aim of making automotive LPG more readily available to fleet and private motorists, the company now has LPG refuelling installations on more than 215 petrol forecourts throughout the UK.

Autogas Limited is an active member of UKLPG, the trade association of the LPG industry, trying to bring the message of cleaner and cheaper motoring to as many people and businesses as possible.

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The first phase of the Autogas conversion network is now complete, with plans to further ramp up member recruitment over the year. Autogas has introduced the conversion network to ensure drivers continue to experience first rate Autogas customer service, increase conversion accessibility for motorists.

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