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## **JCT600 VLS launches unique new driver app**



JCT600 Vehicle Leasing Solutions (VLS) has developed a new fully driver centric app for use by drivers in its customers' fleets. Known as 'driveVLS', the app brings together all of the key information about the driver, his or her vehicle and the lease contract in a stand-alone app for use on IOS or android devices.

The specially developed app also gives company car taxation information, industry news and a 'Find My Nearest' function, so that JCT600 VLS drivers have all the information they need about their specific vehicle in a single, easy to use app.

The app is available free of charge from the App Store or Google Play and, once installed, drivers will receive their own personal security log in details to enable them to access their specific car and driver information. A short instruction video is available via JCT600's website and YouTube to help drivers learn about its range of functions.

Brian Kirby, business support director at JCT600 VLS, commented, "We saw a need for a truly driver centric app, one that would bring together key details about the driver, the vehicle and the contract details whilst also giving taxation information and industry news in a single location at the touch of a finger.

"As innovators in the industry, we were keen to be first to market with such an offering and launched driveVLS in early March, initially to a test sample of 3,000 drivers. The app has been very well received and we plan to roll it out across all of our fleet drivers by the end of June. Work is already underway on phase two of the app which will offer even more functions, such as a business journey tracker enabling the driver to automatically calculate his or her monthly business mileage claims."



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driveVLS is also being nominated for a number of key technical awards as it is unique in being a true app which sits on separate servers which are fed updates from the company's core system every 30 minutes, ensuring that all of the data is fully up to date. It also uses push notifications advising drivers when vehicle servicing or an MOT is due and servicing, repair or tyre replacement bookings can be made directly through the app, even when there is no phone or internet connectivity. The driver can also submit up to date mileage information back to JCT600.

driveVLS also powers JCT600's new 'Grey Fleet' management service which allows clients to ensure drivers who use their own vehicles on company business are legally compliant. Drivers are able to upload 'duty of care' critical documents such as insurance certificates via the phone's camera and there is also a visual check list allowing them to confirm that important checks such as tyre pressure and depth are being carried out regularly.

JCT600 VLS is a stand-alone business within JCT600. It operates a fleet of 7,000 vehicles, predominantly serving SMEs, typically with fleets of 5-200 vehicles, supplying all brands of cars, vans and even mini buses throughout the UK from the South East to Scotland. Based at Apperley Bridge, it employs 45 staff.

With its head office in Bradford, the JCT600 group is a family business with 50 dealerships selling 18 of the world's most respected brands such as Aston Martin, Audi, Bentley, BMW/MINI, Ferrari, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Vauxhall and Volkswagen. The group now employs a workforce of 2,300 people.