

# Briggs Equipment completes acquisition of plant hire firm

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Engineering services specialist Briggs Equipment has acquired a Northern Ireland-based plant hire firm.

Cannock-based Briggs Equipment has taken over JB Plant Hire as part of its plans to strengthen its position in the Irish plant hire market.

The acquisition comes after Briggs purchased Laois Hire in Portlaoise and Balloo Hire Ltd in Dublin earlier this year and follows the company's acquisition of Balloo Hire in Belfast in 2019.

JB Plant Hire, which operates from two sites in Dungannon and Omagh, has been delivering plant hire services across the west of Northern Ireland for more than 35 years.

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As part of the deal, the JB Plant Hire name will continue and all current operational contracts will remain in place.

Peter Jones, Briggs Equipment's Group Managing Director, said: "We are delighted to have completed this latest acquisition of

JB Plant Hire. The business has been successful over several decades and we will be building on those proven results with the backing and investment of the Briggs Equipment Group.

“This acquisition means we are delivering on our ambition of providing comprehensive plant hire coverage across Northern Ireland. JB Plant Hire will complement our Balloo Hire business in providing quality plant hire to a diverse customer base.

“We look forward to working closely with the JB Plant Hire teams and supporting their future growth and product expansion as part of the Briggs Equipment Group.”