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**VIPAR Heavy Duty Supplier Advisory Council Meeting  
Focuses on Opportunities in the Aftermarket**

- *VIPAR Heavy Duty Supplier Advisory Council recently met in Chicago*
- *Group meets twice a year to collaborate and share market insight*
- *Next council meeting will be held in October at the 2022 IMPACT Conference*

**Crystal Lake, Ill. – June 9, 2022** – VIPAR Heavy Duty welcomed several leaders from its supplier community to Chicago last month for the organization’s bi-annual Supplier Advisory Council meeting. Council members met with the executive team from VIPAR Heavy Duty to collaborate and discuss ideas to support the success of the network’s distributors and supplier partners.

The meeting provided an opportunity for council members to share pertinent updates from their organizations, review the previous fiscal year and look at current market conditions and forecasts for the year ahead. The VIPAR Heavy Duty Team highlighted progress in priority areas that support its network including the evolution of their proprietary PARTSPHERE™ Digital Ecosystem of technology and information-related solutions. The organization reported through its collaboration with suppliers it continues to enrich its PARTSPHERE PIM (Product Information Management) platform which now contains data and assets for more than one million part numbers and increase efficiencies and accuracy with its PARTSPHERE OMS order management system.

“We started the Supplier Advisory Council four years ago to ensure we stay aligned with market dynamics, and what we’ve accomplished speaks to the caliber of our supplier community and their vested interest in the long-term success of the VIPAR Heavy Duty family of companies, our distributors, and supplier partners,” said Chris Baer, president & CEO, VIPAR Heavy Duty.

The organization continues to work closely with its suppliers to provide routine updates to distributors on fill rates and other market conditions impacting the heavy duty aftermarket.

“With the ongoing strain on the supply chain, we appreciate our suppliers’ open communication and working together to overcome today’s challenges while focusing on new avenues of opportunity,” added Baer. “It’s still a great time to be in the heavy duty truck parts business.”

The next meeting of the Supplier Advisory Council will be held in October in Marco Island, Florida, at the 2022 VIPAR Heavy Duty IMPACT™ Conference.

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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 nearly 700 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](http://www.vipar.com).

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