



## December 2013

### **Plant and Tool Hire (Industrial Report) - UK**

"A more positive sentiment emerged in the plant and tool hire sector in the latter part of 2013, as firms began to report improved trading conditions largely off the back of improved construction output performance in the third quarter of the year. Nonetheless, companies have yet to see a significant impact on rates, though this is expected to filter through ...

### **Structural Steel (Industrial Report) - UK**

"The UK structural steel market was severely affected by the recent economic downturn and reduced construction activity. In the latter half of 2013, signs started to emerge that trading conditions are slowly improving, reflecting a pick-up in construction activity, most notably in the private housing sector."

### **Power Tools (Industrial Report) - UK**

"Production capacity in the UK among the major industry players has been all but eliminated in recent years, as first the Far East and now Eastern Europe prove the more cost-effective locations for manufacturing, while global demand is biased towards high growth industrial economies such as India."