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## The future of sustainable ductwork







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These days, most industries have a focus on sustainability, and HVACR is no different. So if you're looking for a more sustainable alternative to traditional ductwork, choose STÖRNCH InDuct.

Manufactured in Sweden. InDuct is specifically developed for energy savings and sustainability. The pre-insulated system offers a massive 80% CO2 saving, when compared with standard steel ducting and lagging. InDuct also has the potential for up to 30% reduction in energy through lower pressure drops and decreased fan speeds. So how does InDuct achieve these significant savings? It's all in the innovative design and materials.

Consisting mainly of glass, sand and soda, InDuct features a patented aluminium foil on both the inner and outer surfaces, which provides an effective barrier against condensation. The system is over 50% lighter than metal ductwork, and importantly it's flat-pack, which means it can be transported and stored much more efficiently and cost effectively.

The Swedes seem to be a couple of years ahead on sustainable materials, which is why InDuct is already being installed with great success on numerous projects, including the Kronan office complex in Stockholm. Completed in 2022, the Kronan installation has the potential to

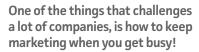
save up to 1.2 million kWh over the next 20 years in operation alone, delivering a significantly lower energy bill and saving approx. 145 kg tonnes of CO2 emissions. That's the future of sustainability!



InDuct Supplement to find out more: www.greenmillac.com/stornch-induct

### Keeping your name in front of your customers

By Lance Pittman
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Marketing activities are often the first thing to fall by the wayside when the pressure of workload builds up. However, this invariably leads to a drop-off in sales.

This impact is logical. Your potential clients are being bombarded by other companies 24/7. When they're not seeing your name, they'll be seeing your competitors! You need a strategy to stay top-of-mind.

My advice to any business, regardless of size, is to have a marketing calendar. No matter how simple the calendar, this will allow you to commit to regular and consistent marketing activities that keep your name in front of your audience.

We see 90% of AC install companies begin with a brave engineer going it alone. Their daily task list seems unending, and (almost) understandably, marketing never quite reaches top priority. Our free resource hub, greenmilldesign.com was created for AC contractors with teams of less than 10 staff. It gives you access to simple own-branded marketing assets to use on social media, and printed materials to distribute around local businesses and communities.

With online print companies knocking out flyers for minimal cost, you could ensure that every person who meets your team is guaranteed to walk away with an attractive company hand-out. My plumber often leaves a few business cards and asks me to refer them to friends, family and neighbours.



Ensuring that the right people see your name is also critical. Who is your target customer? One way to figure this out is by analysing your current best customers. For example, you may know hospitality like the back of your hand, but lack expertise for hospitals. Main contractors may turn down your tenders, but home-owners may seek your experience. Are you best at installs or servicing?

By asking yourself questions, you can define your target customer, then you can get your name in front of more of these people. That's what marketing is all about.

If you wish to make use of our free marketing assets please visit: www.greenmilldesign.com



One of the reasons we developed our Greenmill Design website (during COVID) was because we recognised that many of our customers had braved going it alone in business, and already had a hundred and one things to sort every day. So free

marketing resources, especially for our smaller customers, proved very popular. A couple of years down the line, we are still providing access to simple ownbranded marketing assets for use on social media and for print. Online printers

can knock out really cheap flyers, ideal for distributing around local businesses and communities. So if you're looking for high quality free marketing resources, head over to greenmilldesign.com and see how we can help to support your business.

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### **ISSUE 15** LEGAL ADVICE FOR YOUR QUOTATIONS

## What about the small print?

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Whilst a lot of companies say they don't want to be spending hard earned money on 'expensive lawyers', it is sometimes worth taking a moment to reflect on a little bit of housekeeping that may pay dividends in the longer term and potentially getting advice from a lawyer that knows their business and at fees that make sense.

Most businesses are keen to win business – but sometimes fail to get into the details of what has been won, what are terms and conditions for supply and delivery and what risks are being taken – and what are the hidden risks that may not even be known about.

It is worth having some basic terms and conditions setting out the terms on which the purchase of goods and services takes place and also the terms on which these are then delivered to customers.

For example – what are the terms around delivery (what happens if goods are late or get damaged in transit?). Who bears the costs? What happens if a supplier doesn't perform?



What happens about the warranty on goods bought and sold on?

As prices of materials change so quickly, how do you know that the price quoted to a customer will still cover the cost of the goods bought in if that price changes?

It is worth spending some time to make sure that the terms and conditions set out the key principles, such as:

- What is the price for the goods? How long is that price valid for? Can the supplier change it? Is the quotation to the customer valid for a limited period only and the price can be changed if needs be?
- What is the warranty from the supplier and does it line up with any warranty given to the customer?
- Is the scope of work to be provided clearly understood and agreed and written down?
- What are the payment terms? Is payment being made to the supplier before payment is received from customers, thereby raising cash-flow implications.

These things can be covered off in terms and conditions. They can be set out on the back of order forms or now more commonly can be set out on a website – so that both suppliers and customers know the terms on which business is conducted.

We have our own experiences of such matters and one thing that can help avoid disputes is to make sure buyers and sellers have a clear position on what they have agreed to and have some appropriate terms and conditions to cover the position.

If you would like more advice please feel free to contact us and we may be able to help.

You may also want to look at a series of articles on LinkedIn posted by MyInhouseLawyer under the Lawskool banner which pick up on some common legal or contractual issues facing businesses.

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