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### **A NEW VOLVO FH16 750 FLAGSHIP REACHES NEW HEIGHTS AT STODDART CRANE HIRE**

**Scottish operator, Stoddart Crane Hire has a new fleet flagship – a 150-tonne Volvo FH16 750 6x4 tractor unit – supplied by Kevin Fraser, Transport Solutions Executive at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland and which is used predominantly for the transportation of crane ballast.**

*“We need every ounce of the new Volvo FH16’s 750hp power output, as some of our combinations run at 40-tonnes unladen,”* declares David Stoddart, Managing Director at Stoddart Crane Hire, based in the Highland village of Muir of Ord.

The new FH16 750 has also specified with a Globetrotter Cab and Volvo’s I-Shift automated Crawler gearbox. The latter transmission option is available with the choice of one or two crawler gears, plus the additional choice of extra reverse gears.

A list of interior cab options includes Volvo’s Drive 16++ package alongside full leather trims, with a fridge, microwave oven and TV preparation.

Stoddart Crane Hire’s eye catching yellow and blue livery includes a factory applied, enhanced paint finish and the high specification double drive tractor unit also includes Alcoa Dura-Bright alloy wheels with Michelin tyres.

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A raft of aftermarket fitments sees Truckmax exhaust stacks joined by chassis storage lockers and a full range of additional work, strobe and driving lights. SB Components fitted the Catwalk and chassis infills.

Stoddart Crane Hire also opted for a 3,400mm wheelbase, T-Ride chassis and a Heavy Duty Transmission Package, all backed up by a four-year Volvo Gold Service Contract, which guarantees 100% uptime.

The FH16 750 entered service with Stoddart Crane Hire in January, but has since impressed its driver, Ewan Stoddart, son of the MD, David.

*“The new Volvo is the most powerful truck we’ve operated to date and it was bought for two main reasons; the engine size and vehicle capability. All our tractor units are dealer maintained and we’ll probably retain the FH16 750 for at least five years or maybe more,”* adds David.

He concludes, *“Kevin Fraser looks after us well and our servicing will be carried out at weekends, to minimise disruption to our work schedules.”*

The company has operated a Volvo FH tag axle tractor unit for four years and that 460hp truck has delivered a solid, reliable performance.

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**Caption for photograph :**

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