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McPHERSON LTD TAKES A SUSTAINABLE HIGH ROAD WITH THE UK'S FIRST VOLVO FM LNG TRACTOR UNITS

McPherson Ltd of Aberlour, the well-known Scottish logistics providers and long-established Volvo Trucks customer, has taken delivery of the UK's first Volvo FM LNG tractor units, both of which are ADR specified for transporting distillery by-products to Scotland's Central Belt.

Supplied by Jonny Devlin, Transport Solutions Executive at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland, the 6x2 pusher axle Lite tractor units are powered by Volvo's G13C engines, which drive I-Shift automated 12-speed gearboxes. The FM Sleeper Cabs are equipped with full aerodynamic kits and inside feature One Bed Resting and High Power Audio packages. The chassis specification also includes Jost JSK36 Sensor fifth wheels and Alcoa aluminium wheels.

Driver feedback on the new Volvo LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) vehicles has also been positive. "We ran a comprehensive pre-delivery training session before practical learning on refuelling methods and vehicle familiarisation. The drivers love the new FM LNGs and many more of our driving team are keen to try the trucks. Refuelling is generally quicker than a conventional diesel truck and the operating range will permit us to get in return trips to Scotland's Central Belt."

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Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland provides complete transport solutions for professional and demanding customers by offering a full range of medium to heavy duty trucks through a network of 85 dealerpoints, as well as solutions for financing and service. Based in Warwick, Volvo Trucks delivered more than 6,300 trucks in 2017. The company is part of the AB Volvo Group, which is headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden and is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses and construction equipment, drive systems for marine and industrial applications, aerospace components and services. All the Group's activities are based on its core values of quality, safety and environmental care.



“We are double-shifting the new FM LNG trucks seven days a week,” reports Martin Brown, Managing Director at McPherson Ltd, adding, “At present the two are transporting distillery by-products, but they are both equipped to full ADR specification for bulk spirit movements. Our company ethos is to constantly push the technology boundaries to offer McPherson customers the very latest sustainable logistics solutions. The FM LNG vehicles fit that aim.”

“Both FM LNGs are covered by a four-year Volvo Service contract, which will be carried out at either the Aberdeen or Inverness dealerpoints,” Martin declares.

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Caption for photographs :

1. *Specialist in transportation of bulk spirits, McPherson Ltd of Aberlour, has taken delivery of the UK's first Volvo FM LNG tractor units.*
2. *Neil Park, Regional Managing Director at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre North & Scotland, (right), hands over the vehicles to Martin Brown, Managing Director at McPherson Ltd.*

Notes for Editors :

1. McPherson Ltd of Aberlour is a third generation family-owned company who operate a large fleet of vehicles across the UK.
2. Specialising in the transportation of bulk spirits, the firm also has significant resources to move van, curtainside and bulk tipper traffic.
3. The company's fleet of 220 vehicles and 700 trailers includes 160 Volvo trucks.
4. McPherson Ltd also offers comprehensive engineering services and is acknowledged as one of the top haulage industry training providers in Scotland.

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