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CASTELL HOWELL FOODS LTD. GOES BACK TO SCHOOL FOR A SPECIALLY DESIGNED LIVERY ON ONE OF TWO NEW VOLVO FL RIGIDS

Llanelli headquartered Castell Howell Foods Ltd has added two landmark Volvo FL's to its 130 vehicle fleet. The 250hp rigids are the UK's first to feature Frigoblock / Thermo King hybrid refrigerated solutions. One of the trucks also carries a unique livery designed by a local school pupil.

Supplied by Wayne Delve, Sales Executive at Mansel Davies Group, the two new Volvo FL rigids are equipped with D8K engines and six speed I-Sync gearboxes. Both trucks are fitted with 7.6m Solomon refrigerated bodies, one of which carries a special billboard livery that was a result of a schools competition, based around a theme to promote holidays in Wales.

The competition's winning entry was submitted by Matteo from Johnston Primary in Carmarthen, who received an iPad, plus £2,500 for his school. Matteo's design now adorns one of Castell Howell's new Volvo FL 12 tonne rigids. The other Volvo's bodywork initially promoted The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's annual show, which was held in late July.

Castell Howell's latest two Volvo FL rigids are also the UK's first to feature Solomon bodywork with Frigoblock / Thermo King hybrid solutions.

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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 2018. 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 and services. All the Group's activities are based on its core values of quality, safety and environmental care.



"In the past Frigoblock used an alternator / generator system, powered by the trucks' engine. That system was great when travelling down the road; but the cooling ceased if the engine was turned off after parking up in town," reports Martin Jones, Director of Transport Operations at Castell Howell Foods Ltd.

"However, the new Thermo King Hybrid solution keeps the proven alternator / generator system, but when the ignition is turned off, it automatically switches over to an ancillary diesel powered refrigeration unit. When the ignition is switched back on, the ancillary cuts out instantly and it's back to electric motor power," Martin adds.

Castell Howell's connection with Volvo trucks goes back to 2006, when the first examples arrived on a contract hire agreement. The company took delivery of its first Volvo tractor unit just two years later in 2008, a Volvo FH12.

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