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TEN VOLVO FH AERO TRACTOR UNITS FLOW INTO BJ WATERS' BULK TIPPING FLEET

Family-run BJ Waters has welcomed its first Volvo FH Aeros, specifying ten new 6x2 tractor units equipped with the manufacturer's I-Save technology for optimum fuel efficiency.

Supplied by Jack Castle, Area Sales Manager, Hartshorne Group, the trucks join BJ Waters' 80-strong commercial vehicle fleet to support the customer's UK and European bulk tipping operations.

James Waters, Director, BJ Waters, says: "We first brought Volvo FHs into the fleet in 2018 because the initial package was incredibly competitive. That early experience gave us the confidence to invest in more trucks in the years since, so when the FH Aero was unveiled, it piqued our interest.

"Our drivers have responded positively to the new model. They appreciate the familiar feel combined with the updated design and comfort. Volvo's dealer support also gives us peace of mind and helps us avoid costly downtime. It's a partnership that works well for our business."

The trucks are each powered by a Euro 6-compliant D13TC Step E engine, which produces 500 hp and a peak torque of 2,800 Nm, benefitted by turbo compounding technology. This extends the fuel economy potential even further by introducing an extra turbine after the turbocharger to reuse excess fuel from the exhausts, which is then converted to torque directly on the crankshaft.

The engines are paired with Volvo's popular 12-speed I-Shift automated gearbox technology plus I-See predictive cruise control. The latter allows the driver to tackle hills and gradients in a higher gear, saving fuel without losing speed.

Further energy efficiency gains are unlocked through the FH Aero's sleek aerodynamic design, which also features a bold, big and easily recognisable Volvo Iron Mark – the largest in modern times – as well as the Volvo Spread Word Mark. Combined with BJ Waters classic green livery, this creates a striking exterior aesthetic.

"With the FH Aero we wanted to futureproof the fleet – not just in terms of looks, but also to keep the business aligned with where the industry is heading," adds Waters. "The FH Aero helps us to build on our professional, modern image while still delivering the performance and reliability we've come to expect from Volvo Trucks."

The vehicles benefit from a comfortable interior specification, including leather upholstery, dual armrests, an adjustable steering wheel with neck-tilt functionality, and climate control.

The acquisitions are all backed by a Volvo Gold Contract including preventive maintenance and repairs to guarantee BJ Waters a comprehensive and personal service. Working five days a week, the FH Aeros are each expected to clock up to 120,000 km annually.

Established in 1927, today BJ Waters works from three depots located in Matlock, Ripley, and Telford. In addition to its BJ Waters fleet, the business also operates 40 commercial vehicles under the Geo. Siddall moniker.

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Caption for photograph:

BJ Waters has acquired ten Volvo FH Aero 500 6x2 tractor units.

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