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DSV WELCOMES FOUR VOLVO FH AERO ELECTRIC TRUCKS AS PART OF LANDMARK ORDER

Transport and logistics specialist DSV has deployed four Volvo FH Aero Electric 4x2 tractor units into its UK operations as part of a commitment to acquire more than 300 zero-exhaust emission trucks from the manufacturer by 2026.

Supplied by Alexandre Lopes, National Key Account Manager, Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland, the four new arrivals are direct replacements for older diesel models in the DSV fleet. Based in Immingham, the trucks – the first FH Aero Electrics to be put into operation in the UK – will be used on routes previously served by diesel trucks, resulting in immediate carbon savings.

Keith Northen, Manager, Divisional, Road, DSV, says: "When you're introducing new technology into a working fleet, you need a partner that understands the operational challenges and can offer real-world solutions. Volvo gave us that confidence. Its approach to range, reliability, and infrastructure support aligns with our needs, and we know we can rely on its support network to keep us moving.

"The FH Aero Electric offers the right balance of range, payload capacity and aerodynamic efficiency for our operational needs. It's a practical solution that supports both ours and our customers' sustainability goals while keeping our service levels high."

The FH Aero delivers substantial energy consumption improvements through a refined design and the deployment of new technologies. The cab's improved aerodynamics are particularly beneficial for the electric model, with the design enabling better free-rolling properties, allowing for increased energy regeneration to recharge the battery under braking or while driving downhill, ready for use when needed in the next acceleration or uphill climb.

DSV's new trucks are each equipped with the maximum six batteries, offering an approximate driving range of up to 300 km and a recharging time of just 2.5 hours while using a 250kW DC charger. They also feature three electric motors, generating up to 666 hp and 2,400 Nm of continuous torque.

Just as with customers ordering diesel Volvo FH Aero trucks, the electric model uses the standard I-Shift gearbox to deliver a smooth and comfortable driving experience.

The presence of Volvo's Camera Monitoring System (CMS) also contributes to aerodynamic performance but primarily boosts safety and visibility. Replacing traditional exterior mirrors, the solution increases the driver's field of view and, when driving with a trailer, CMS deploys auto-panning functionality to follow the rear of the trailer as it turns. CMS also performs strongly in rainy and dark conditions, direct sunlight and even when driving in tunnels.

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To provide a stress-free driving experience, DSV's FH Aero Electrics have been specified with Volvo Dynamic Steering, I-See Predictive cruise control and full air suspension, aiding manoeuvrability, driving efficiency and comfort respectively.

Forward Collision Warning with adaptive cruise control, Advanced Emergency Braking, Side Collision Support, Lane Keeping Support and Driver Alert Support systems provide a comprehensive active safety setup.

The Globetrotter cabs have been fitted out with leather upholstery and a suspended and heated driver's seat with dual armrests. Also included is a premium 50mm mattress protector, a 33-litre fridge and additional cab storage.

DSV is guaranteed maximum uptime thanks to a comprehensive five-year Volvo Gold Contract covering all maintenance and repairs, including proactive monitoring of batteries and associated components.

Established in 1976, today DSV is the world's fourth-largest transport and logistics company, operating road, air and sea divisions. The new trucks form part of DSV's plan to run 2,000 electric models in its fleet by 2030, with its agreement also including 500 Volvo Trucks with highly fuel-efficient diesel and gas drivelines.

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Caption for photograph:

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