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VOLVO HOOVERS UP MORE BUSINESS AT QUALITECH WITH UNIQUE ADR-SPECIFIED VOLVO FM RIGIDS

Qualitech Environmental Services has taken delivery of two new Volvo FM Globetrotter 8x4 Tridem rigs, equipped with ADR-certified Disab vacuum tanker bodies. The high-tech vehicles are believed to be the first of their kind operating in the UK.

The Saint Helens based business will use the two new trucks to move heavy waste materials, often hazardous waste, from customer sites across the UK.

Danny Casey, Managing Director at Qualitech Environmental Services, says: "The Volvo chassis is the perfect fit for the heavy-duty Disab equipment we needed to get on the back.

"These ADR-certified units are very specialist bits of equipment, unique in our industry. The support we've had from the team at Volvo has been fantastic throughout the build process and we are delighted with the finished product."

Supplied by Anthony Walsh, Customer Solutions Manager at Thomas Hardie Commercials, the Volvo FM rigs are powered by Euro-VI compliant D13K Step E engines, producing 500 hp and 2500 Nm of torque.

Driven through Volvo's proven 12-speed I-Shift transmission – that delivers perfectly-timed gear changes in a fraction of a second – the new trucks benefit from a hydraulic steered tag axle which improves manoeuvrability and also helps reduce tyre wear.

Qualitech opted for a high chassis specification, with rear air suspension, to aid ground clearance when working off-road.

The Globetrotter cabs of the new FM rigs are painted in Millenium Silver Metallic and complemented with the company's orange signwriting that was completed by Vinyline Signs & Graphics.

Inside the cabs, Drive ++ and Single Bed Living packages add creature comforts including leather seats and leather steering wheel, adjustable steering wheel with neck tilt, full electric air conditioning with sun, mist and air quality sensor, 28-litre fridge, microwave oven and a comfy lower fixed bunk with a wide middle section. The finished product provides a perfect working environment for Qualitech's hard-working team of drivers.

"We have various depots up and down the country with the new trucks working nationwide," adds Casey. "It's important that our staff have the best tools for the job and Volvo has delivered the goods for us again. We have around 50 trucks on the fleet now and they are all Volvo supplied."

“As well as the quality of the product, the aftersales service we receive from Thomas Hardie Commercials and the wider Volvo Trucks network is very, very good. A lot of manufacturers have approached us over the years, but we have always stuck with Volvo due to the levels of service we receive.”

The two new rigids are covered by Volvo Gold Contracts, delivering full cost control, worry-free ownership and maximum uptime by covering all repairs and wear and tear while also enabling preventative maintenance and 24/7 real time monitoring of critical components.

Qualitech Environmental Services provides comprehensive industrial cleaning, waste management and recycling services across the UK. The business specialises in tank cleaning, dewatering and tanker services.

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Caption for photograph:

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