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TOMSETTS DISTRIBUTION TARGETS NET ZERO WITH VOLVO FH AERO TRACTOR UNITS

Newhaven-based haulier, Tomsetts Distribution, has acquired six new Volvo FH Aero 6x2 Globetrotter XL trucks as part of its ambitions to reduce its carbon footprint.

Supplied by Lewis Davies, Sales Executive at MC Truck and Bus, the new Aeros are direct replacements for older standard FHs on the fleet, ensuring that 11 of the customer's 18 commercial vehicles remain Volvo-supplied.

Andrew Tucknott, Managing Director, Tomsetts Distribution, says: "We've calculated that around 90% of our greenhouse gas emissions come from diesel use, so maximising the efficiency of our fleet is paramount to reducing our environmental impact. The FH Aero will be a key component in our ambition to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 and Net Zero by 2040 – the trucks will deliver real fuel savings to help us cut emissions while also showing our customers that we're serious about sustainability."

Tomsetts Distribution opted for the FH Aero due to the substantial energy consumption and emission reductions unlocked through the cab's refined aerodynamic design.

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 to maximise fuel efficiency. 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.

Volvo's Camera Monitoring System (CMS) replaces the wing mirrors contributing to further aerodynamic performance but also boosting safety and visibility. The CMS increases the driver's field of view and performs strongly in rainy and dark conditions, direct sunlight and even when driving in tunnels.

"Though some of our drivers did take some time to get used to the CMS, they now report that the solution is a definite step change over traditional mirrors," adds Tucknott. "Once they'd adjusted, they much preferred the screen setup instead."

The spacious Globetrotter XL cabs have been fitted with a Drive+ package, adding an array of creature comforts including fully electronic air conditioning with carbon filter and sun, mist and air quality sensors; dual armrests; leather upholstery; electrically heated and operated rear view mirrors; and an adjustable steering wheel with neck tilt.

A suspended and heated driver's seat; 33-litre fridge/freezer; microwave oven; and additional cab storage complete the interior, creating a practical and comfortable working environment.

Forward Collision Warning with advanced emergency braking, Lane Departure Warning, Lane Keeping Support, Side Collision Avoidance Support, and Driver Alert Support systems work to maximise safety, while visibility is increased thanks to Volvo's distinctive V-shaped LED headlights.

The new additions are all backed by a Volvo Gold Contract including preventive maintenance and repairs to guarantee complete peace of mind, as well as a comprehensive and personal service.

Working from the customer's East Sussex headquarters, the trucks are each expected to clock up to 160,000 km annually, operating Monday through Friday. Their workload will be split between local pallet distribution and overnight trunking to and from Palletforce's Burton-on-Trent distribution hub.

Founded in 1975, Tomsetts Distribution is an independent, family-run business which operates across the UK.

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Caption for photograph:

Tomsetts Distribution has acquired six new Volvo FH Aero tractor units as part of its ambitions to reduce its carbon footprint.

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