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3 DISTRIBUTION LTD INVESTS FOR THE LONG HAUL WITH SIX NEW VOLVO FH TRACTOR UNITS

Kings Lynn based temperature controlled logistics specialists, 3 Distribution Ltd has put six new Volvo FH 500 tractor units into service. The trucks join a 24-vehicle fleet and will work across the UK.

"Our company purchases all vehicles outright and we're looking at Volvo trucks as a long term investment, with expected retention periods of up to 10 years," reports Patrick Finch, Managing Director at 3 Distribution Ltd.

Supplied by Alan Didwell, Transport Solutions Executive at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre East Anglia, the six FH's were all specified with Globetrotter cabs on 3.9m wheelbase 6x2 chassis with fixed pusher axles. To maximise fuel economy levels, the FH's are equipped with Volvo's I-See Predictive Cruise Control, along with I-Roll software. *"We also opted for a faster axle ratio of 2.47:1, Volvo's Long Haul Fuel Economy Driving software packages and Continental EcoPlus tyres with low rolling resistance,"* Patrick adds.

In addition to careful consideration of specifications, 3 Distribution is also using Dynafleet, Volvo's fleet management system and the services of its local Fuel Watch Manager, Jon Warby.

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Based in Warwick, 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. In 2018 Volvo Trucks delivered more than 6,300 trucks to customers throughout the British Isles. 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.



Patrick continues, *“Delivery of the FH’s has been a real team effort between Alan, Jon and the team here. In addition to selecting Volvo’s single bed living package for the Globetrotter interiors, our drivers bought into having Dynafleet’s Driver Coaching app on their phones. Ongoing Volvo driver training is also helping us get the best from the onboard systems, such as I-See. Vehicle reliability is a massive factor for us, as much of our work involves temperature critical loads with just in time deliveries.”*

The FH’s entered service at the beginning of September and all are fitted with four-camera safety systems. *“We’ve high hopes for these Volvo trucks, as in the past we’ve struggled to get returns from our investment in other truck marques,”* Patrick concludes.

3 Distribution Ltd began trading in July 2007 with 13 trucks and 14 trailers. Nowadays the company operates a fleet of 23 tractor units and one 26 tonne rigid. A one driver, one truck policy is adhered to and multi drop, raw material food supplies make up the majority of any given week’s work. The fleet of 34 Carrier equipped, multi-temperature fridge trailers are complemented by a sole curtainside trailer.

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Caption for photograph :

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