

PRESS RELEASE

2014-119

Schmitz Cargobull (UK) Ltd

7 August 2014

T.O.M. VEHICLE RENTAL TAKES ON 20 SCHMITZ CARGOBULL CURTAINSIDERS

Schmitz Cargobull has delivered 20 fixed-roof curtainside trailers to T.O.M. Vehicle Rental – the second major delivery the trailer manufacturer has made to the firm in six months.

The customer operates one of the fastest expanding hire fleets in the UK, having grown in fleet size by 400 per cent since 2010. The Schmitz Cargobull trailers join an existing parc of 6,000 wide-ranging vehicular assets and will be going straight out to rental customers in the North West to help meet exceptional demand.

T.O.M made its first ever commitment to Schmitz Cargobull in November 2013 with the purchase of 31 reefers. This latest order demonstrates how the manufacturer consistently delivers the best option, with this latest order representing the first dry freight Schmitz trailers to enter operation within this rapidly growing fleet.

While T.O.M. was looking for trailers without any specific brand in mind, the support and quality offered by Schmitz Cargobull helped secure the order.

Robert Stewart, T.O.M. Group Commercial Director, says: “Schmitz Cargobull has been a very good supplier to work with and we look forward to our new curtainsiders driving forward our ongoing expansion.”

The fixed-roof curtainsiders are additions to the fleet and will be used on general hire operations. Fitted with plain blue curtains, they are expected to remain in service with the customer for at least five years.

The delivery supports the vehicle rental firm's ambitious plans to expand its trailer business, which currently stands at more than 500 units following its acquisition of Radmode's fleet in November 2013.

In common with all Schmitz Cargobull trailers, the new additions to T.O.M.'s fleet have been constructed using the company's patented bolted and galvanised manufacturing technique, which removes the need for welding and paint repairs in the event of damage.

Built at Altenberge in Germany, the trailers are specifically designed for the UK and Irish markets, featuring an aluminium front bulkhead with galvanised steel front and rear corner posts.

ends

Editor's notes:

Schmitz Cargobull (UK) is a subsidiary company of the German-owned Schmitz Cargobull Group, the biggest and leading manufacturer and supplier of semi-trailers in Europe. The Schmitz Cargobull Group has manufacturing plants in Germany, Spain, Lithuania and Russia and employs over 4,500 people. In the last financial year (2012/2013), Schmitz Cargobull had a turnover of approximately €1.512 billion and produced more than 43,000 trailers.

A number of additional services complete the company profile: Cargobull Finance for leasing and lease purchasing; Schmitz Cargobull Parts & Services for vehicle servicing and spare parts; Schmitz Cargobull Service Partners for repairs and maintenance; Schmitz Cargobull Telematics for trailer telematics and Schmitz Cargobull Trailer Store for used trailers. Schmitz Cargobull refrigerated units are constructed using the company's FERROPLAST® Thermo Technology modular steel-skinned panels to keep loads at the desired temperature.

Visit Schmitz Cargobull UK's dedicated online press room at <http://news.cision.com/schmitz-cargobull>

Press Contact UK:

James Boley or James Keeler

Garnett Keeler PR

Tel: 020 8647 4467

Email: james.boleyn@garnettkeeler.com/james.keeler@garnettkeeler.com

Company Contact Europe:

Gerd Rohrsen, Head of Corporate Communications

Silke Hesener, Manager Public Relations

Tel: +49 02558 811501

Email: silke.hesener@cargobull.com