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SPEEDY SCHMITZ CARGOBULL SHIPS SCALLOPS FOR WEST COAST SEA PRODUCTS

A Scottish scallop fishery has taken delivery of its first ever Schmitz Cargobull rigid reefer, after finding the German manufacturer could supply a custom-built body, assembled by West Midlands-based Bevan Group, within just eight weeks.

Robert Scott, Transport Manager at Kirkcudbright-based West Coast Sea Products, says: "We asked our usual supplier for a build slot, but they told us that there would be a delay in getting a new vehicle and we didn't want to wait.

"We then found out that Schmitz Cargobull also manufactures rigid reefers – and they were able to build the body and have it fitted here in the UK in ultra-quick time. It was exactly what we were looking for, and at a competitive price."

The Schmitz Cargobull M.KO COOL body is mounted to a 26-tonne Daf 6x2 rigid, replacing a vehicle which has been on the fleet for a decade. Fully customisable, it features a movable bulkhead with expanding seals and gas strut assistance. This allows the load space to be divided into two compartments, giving West Coast Sea Products the ability to transport both fresh and frozen scallops at the same time, across the UK.

The body was assembled at Bevan's production facility in Oldbury using designs, components and materials supplied by Schmitz Cargobull. The body benefits from a bolted and galvanised sub-frame and comes equipped with two drains and taps to quickly and easily clear water from the body.



The Trailer Company.

In common with Schmitz Cargobull refrigerated trailers, the M.KO benefits from high-performance FERROPLAST® panels, featuring a quality expanded, closed cell, polyurethane foam which is housed between steel skins - ensuring completely vapour diffusion-tight surfaces which are energy efficient, hygienic and age-resistant.

West Coast Sea Products operates a transport fleet of two artics and one rigid, plus a fishing fleet of four boats. The firm catches King and Queen scallops from around the UK, primarily fishing in the Irish Sea but also from locations as far afield as the waters off Cornwall. West Coast Sea Products handles its own direct distribution in the UK and also transports goods to depots in Glasgow for international export.

Whilst Schmitz Cargobull is best known in the UK for its refrigerated trailers, Bevan's expertise is in the manufacture of dry freight bodywork. The co-operation between the two companies offers temperature-controlled distribution fleets the guarantee of quality rigid reefer bodies, delivered into service quickly and backed-up by industry leading aftercare.

Each year Schmitz Cargobull manufactures thousands of rigid bodies for fleets across mainland Europe.

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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 5,100 people. In the last financial year (2013/2014), Schmitz Cargobull had a turnover of approximately €1.625 billion and produced more than 45,300 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.

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