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McCulloch Rail finds new Iveco and DAF trucks from Asset Alliance Group just the ticket

News Summary:

- Deal is first contract hire agreement with Asset Alliance Group.
- Move up weight scale to 7.2-tonne Iveco Daily trucks delivers required payload.

[Asset Alliance Group](#) has supplied [McCulloch Rail](#), which specialises in the renewal, replacement and repair of the UK rail network, with a DAF XG 530 and five Iveco Daily 7.2-tonne trucks to replace older assets.

While McCulloch Rail has traditionally bought its vehicles, the rising price of new trucks and leap in test and workshop costs, combined with a need to ensure minimum vehicle downtime, has seen it opt for a contract hire deal with Asset Alliance Group for the first time.

David Hume, Transport Manager at McCulloch Rail, says: “It is a necessity for our business to be able to deliver our plant equipment trackside, often at irregular hours during the night and at weekends in all weathers. Using Asset Alliance Group provides us with backup and an essential buffer to ensure we can do this.”

Based in Kilmarnock, the company has its main vehicle depot in Doncaster, where most of the new vehicles are based. It performs a key role delivering essential, specialist plant equipment including Trac Rail Transposers, Unimogs and Panel Lifter Systems, nationwide. These are used to remove, install and lift sections of rail and signalling equipment, with drivers typically on site for several hours.

The contract hire deal includes repair and maintenance, tyres (excluding accidental damage) and like-for-like replacement vehicles if required. The trucks join a 50-strong fleet, providing peace of mind in exchange for a straightforward, monthly payment.

Hume adds that while 44-tonne tractor units such as the [DAF](#) are stalwarts of the fleet, the arrival of the 176hp 4x2 [Iveco Daily](#) models are a consequence of the weight gain experienced by 3.5-tonners in recent years, due to the requirement for increased kit and safety features. Consequently, the operator can no longer achieve the payload required with lighter vehicles.

“We’ve worked closely with Dougie Bennett at Asset Alliance Group, and by stepping up to 7.2-tonnes we’re able to get two pieces of plant onto each truck. That will mean fewer journeys and less CO₂ emitted,” adds Hume.

The Ivecos feature a modified crew-cab design to boost driver comfort and storage and are fitted

with dropside bodies and aluminium ramps for unloading.

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Note to editors:

Asset Alliance Group has redefined the way companies acquire transport and logistics vehicles and occupies a unique position in the market, as it uses its own funds and significant buying power to supply multi-brand truck, trailer, bus and coach vehicles on any combination of contract hire, operating lease, finance lease, hire purchase or rental. This flexibility, combined with a transparent and consultative approach, helps customers drive maximum efficiency from their fleets.

Asset Alliance Group also stands out for maintaining full control of residual risk through its retail arm, which protects customers from overly strict return conditions commonplace in the industry.

The Group operates across five UK sites and is headquartered in Wolverhampton.

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