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## **APPETITE FOR COST SAVINGS AND SAFETY SEES BIBBY DISTRIBUTION INVEST IN FIVE NEW FOOD TANKERS**

Bibby Distribution has invested in five new powder tankers as part of its commitment to drive down the cost of transporting food and ingredients.

The new assets, which can each transport up to 63,000m<sup>3</sup>, were custom-designed by tanker manufacturer Feldbinder after consultation by Bibby Distribution with its customers.

The tankers incorporate a host of features designed to maximise payload and safety while transporting hygiene-critical loads, including a lighter chassis, additional handrails and automatic sensors that lock the brakes when the handrails are raised. The assets also include on-board weight indicators as a safety feature to prevent overloading. Each component was chosen to optimise reliability while reducing costs and maximising uptime.

All five tankers will transport powdered foodstuffs such as starches and sugars across the country, operating primarily out of Bibby Distribution's Corby campus site.

Vaughan Pendergest, Business Unit Director – Food and Ingredients, Bibby Distribution, says: "Our food and ingredient operations continue to grow rapidly, so by investing in additional custom-built tankers, our customers will benefit from even greater savings, flexibility and reliability.

"The design process has resulted in a tanker future-proofed for all loading and load-type scenarios, and means our ingredient transportation is at its most efficient."

The tankers join Bibby Distribution's 200-strong fleet, which is continuously being refreshed to enhance efficiency. During 2016, the business invested in 23 new juice tanker units that allowed the average load per tanker to increase by 4.2 per cent.

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**Notes to editors:**

As one of the top ten logistics providers in the UK, Bibby Distribution exists to enable other companies to drive value from their supply chain activities. The company specialises in providing contract logistics, warehousing, distribution, systems integration and added value services to a wide range of customers.

Bibby Distribution operates from 90 locations across the UK, employs 2,000 people and manages 2million ft<sup>2</sup> of warehousing space.

The majority of Bibby Distribution's business is based on long-term partnerships. Its diverse capability also means it can share best practice across the various industry sectors it operates in, from Automotive to FMCG.

Bibby Distribution is part of Bibby Line Group, a diverse and forward-looking family business delivering personal, responsive and flexible customer solutions for over 200 years.

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