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PACKAGING MANUFACTURER MILKS BIBBY DISTRIBUTION'S EXPERIENCE IN COST-EFFECTIVE LOGISTICS WITH NEW CONTRACT

Bibby Distribution has been selected by Nampak Plastics Europe to work in partnership to provide a transport solution for its High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) packaging, largely thanks to the 3PL's ability to add value and reduce carbon emissions through its flexible national network.

The new contract means Bibby Distribution will transport HDPE packaging from Nampak's head office in Newport Pagnell, across the UK to its in-plants and dairy customers.

Bibby Distribution will also act as a 4PL, managing sub-contractors for deliveries in the Republic of Ireland and the Netherlands.

Nampak Plastics Europe Managing Director Arnold Mitterer says: "Our challenge is that we produce a low-cost, light-weight product which is high volume, and that comes with a relatively significant transport cost. They have a huge national network that's extremely flexible which provides us with a value-add solution. This improves our overall efficiency in our transport network.

Bibby Distribution will be investing more than £5 million in fleet and technology improvements over the next year to ensure Nampak reaps the rewards of more efficient operations.

Upgrades will include the introduction of new Euro VI tractor units to provide enhanced fuel efficiency, plus an additional 100 high-cube trailers that maximise the available payload volume.

Nampak will also be taking advantage of the enhanced delivery information that Bibby Distribution can provide through its full-fleet telematics system, which allows complete traceability of orders and will enable the team to identify on-the-move where utilisation can be improved. The contract will also see the introduction of electronic proof-of-delivery for efficient paperless management.

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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 ft² 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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