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NEW TRUCK INVESTMENT BY BIBBY DISTRIBUTION DRIVES DOWN FUEL COSTS FOR ULTRAFRAME

Eight new Renault Trucks Range T 6x2 tractor units acquired by Bibby Distribution have returned a 10 per cent increase in fuel efficiency in the first three months of operation on a contract with conservatory specialist Ultraframe, significantly reducing costs.

The Bibby Distribution vehicles, leased from Renault via BRS Truck Rental, replaced older DAF and MAN models and deliver products to Ultraframe's customers via Bibby Distribution sites in Avonmouth, Biggleswade, Clitheroe and Glasgow.

Ultraframe's Logistics Manager, Paul Greaves, says: "Fuel accounts for around 30 per cent of our total outgoing costs, so to reduce that figure with more efficient trucks is very welcome and a good illustration of how proactive Bibby Distribution are for us.

"We're also very conscious of reducing our environmental impact wherever possible and these new vehicles help towards that goal as well. We're really impressed."

Each Renault truck is powered by the latest generation Euro VI diesel engine and includes a tachograph machine, which automatically records driver hours to aid compliance.

Every vehicle is also fitted with Microlise telematics, providing a detailed report on performance to Ultraframe. Bibby Distribution also uses this information to train and advise drivers on how to drive in a more fuel-efficient manner to further reduce fuel consumption.

All maintenance work will be conducted at JDS Trucks & Vans in Blackburn, close to Ultraframe's main warehouse facility in Clitheroe, and if a vehicle is in the workshop for an extended period or MOT, a replacement will be supplied to ensure the fleet runs at full capacity.

As well as handling Ultraframe's transport planning and distribution requirements in the UK, Bibby Distribution arranges the export of items to Belgium, France and Germany.

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Notes to editors:

As one of the top ten logistics providers in the UK, Bibby Distribution enables 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.

Bibby Line Group is a £1.4 billion business, operating in more than 20 countries, employing over 4,500 people in industries including retail, offshore, financial services, distribution, shipping, marine-based businesses, plant hire and woodland burials.

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