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## **BIBBY DISTRIBUTION UNWRAPS UK'S MOST ADVANCED CHOCOLATE TANKERS FOR MARS WRIGLEY**

A multi-million pound investment in 12 of the most advanced ISO-tanks ever used in the UK for bulk liquid chocolate transport has seen Bibby Distribution secure a new long-term partnership with Mars Wrigley.

The tankers, which are fitted with a live tracking and monitoring system, provide continuous updates to Bibby Distribution's food and ingredients team, who can remotely monitor and adjust the temperature of the load and manage stirring schedules as required – the first time such capability has been implemented in the UK food manufacturing industry.

The technology minimises the chance of any drop in agreed set point and ensures the chocolate delivered for Mars Wrigley arrives in optimal condition.

The new ISO-tanks also provide an 18 per cent increase in payload, allowing Bibby Distribution to reduce the number of journeys required – shrinking the supply chain's carbon footprint.

Rob Sharpe, Mars Wrigley's UK Factory Logistics Manager, says: "We work with partners who share our focus on sustainability and Bibby Distribution's investment in this equipment proves they're committed to helping us reduce our environmental impact.

"As well as cutting food miles, Bibby Distribution gives us complete supply chain traceability and upholds our very high food quality standards."

The new tankers will operate from the 3PL's Droitwich site, and plans are already in place to add more to the fleet in 2020, specified with the same temperature management, stirring and tracking capabilities.

Bibby Distribution's food and ingredients division also provides transport for bulk and palletised food products, and warehousing for the entire food supply chain.

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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.

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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