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REYNOLDS LOGISTICS' NEW VOLVO LNG TRUCKS HELP GASREC FUTURE-PROOF ITS FUEL DELIVERY

Gasrec's tanker deliveries are now being made by the latest generation natural gas-powered trucks.

Reynolds Logistics has put two new ADR specified Volvo FM LNG (liquefied natural gas) 6x2 tractor units into operation, working exclusively on its Gasrec contract.

Replacing two dual-fuel Volvo trucks, the new vehicles will deliver to Gasrec sites around the country – including Sittingbourne, Swindon, Tamworth and the company's flagship refuelling site next to the Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT).

Gasrec projects that one-third of the UK's 44-tonne heavy truck market will have transitioned to natural gas within the next seven years, with approximately 39,000 gas-powered HGVs on UK roads.

James Westcott, Chief Commercial Officer at Gasrec, says: "As a company we believe it is crucial we practice what we preach, so to now be delivering all of our LNG using the latest technology gas-powered trucks is an important landmark.

"Natural gas is cleaner and cheaper than diesel and is currently the only truly sustainable alternative fuel source available on the commercial vehicle market."

The two new FM's – which have a range of around 450 miles when pulling a fully-loaded tri-axle gas tanker – are based at Reynolds' site in Grays and will load daily at the Grain LNG terminal on the Isle of Grain. They are each powered by Volvo's G13C LNG engines, which develop up to 460 hp and a peak torque of 2,300 Nm – on a par with a regular diesel model with the same power rating, whilst reducing CO₂ emissions by as much as 95 per cent when fuelled with biomethane.

Andrew Reynolds, Chief Executive Officer at Reynolds Logistics, is a firm believer in natural gas technology and has received excellent driver feedback on the latest trucks in the company's fleet.

He says: "We're excited to see where natural gas will take the industry. The experience for us so far has been really positive – our drivers are very happy with the performance of the new vehicles.

"We like to consider ourselves a forward-thinking company. In Ireland we were the first operator to put Euro 5 and Euro 6 trucks onto the road, so we've always tried to be at the forefront of providing the most sustainable transport solutions.

"These LNG-powered trucks have very clear environmental benefits and we believe it's our responsibility to play our part in helping to reduce air pollution as much as we can."

Family-owned Reynolds Logistics began its business in Dublin in 1928. The company has been operating in the UK for more than 20 years and now runs approximately 90 trucks across the country, specialising in the delivery of bulk fuel, hazardous liquids and lubricants.

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Note to editor: Gasrec is a major fuel provider for natural gas-powered commercial vehicles on UK roads. It supplies, builds and operates natural gas and biogas refuelling stations, enabling fleets to take advantage of a fuel which is significantly cheaper and better for the environment than diesel.

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