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SCHMITZ CARGOBULL BUILDS ON LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP WITH A SCORE OF TOUGH NEW CURTAINSIDERS FOR APM COMMERCIALS

Schmitz Cargobull has delivered 20 fixed-roof curtainsiders to APM Commercials, the first of the newly launched UK and Ireland-spec trailers to join the Lincolnshire-based company's rental fleet.

The new arrivals join 20 other Schmitz units as APM Commercials expands its fleet, which has grown from 15 to more than 90 assets in less than a year.

APM Commercials Managing Director Steve Gilboy says: "As an HGV maintenance and repair specialist, and more specifically as a Schmitz Cargobull service partner for the past 14 years, we are no stranger to the product. We are still running reefers we bought from Schmitz Cargobull in 2008, and all of them have stood the test of time. Our rental clients require a robust trailer that needs to withstand a lot of punishment and we just know that Schmitz Cargobull's curtainsiders will rise to the challenge."

The new trailers – which comply with DIN EN 12642 Code XL load security regulations and are equipped with a bulkhead specific for the British and Irish markets – will be utilised on a paper transport contract for logistics specialist Handtrans and will be liveried in the customer's colours.

Manufactured at Schmitz Cargobull's state-of-the-art facilities in Altenberge, the new assets are built on the trailer manufacturer's galvanised GENIOS chassis with three reinforced posts per side. Constructed using the company's proprietary bolt on/bolt off technology – which allows easy maintenance – the trailer's

manufacturing process is also more sustainable, as fewer carbon emissions are produced through reduced welding of the main chassis beam.

APM Commercials' new trailers incorporate Schmitz Cargobull's as-standard anti-theft, load-securing side curtains, manufactured with steel reinforced aramide webbing and secured with Tyride buckles with claw hooks.

APM Commercials will maintain the trailers at its six-bay workshop on site in Immingham. As a Schmitz Cargobull service partner, the company is part of the German manufacturer's pan-European network of maintenance and repair providers, which offer Schmitz Cargobull customers a cost-effective and trouble-free alternative to having their own workshop.

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Editor's notes:

Schmitz Cargobull UK and Ireland is a subsidiary company of the German-owned Schmitz Cargobull Group, the biggest and leading manufacturer and supplier of semi-trailers in Europe. The Schmitz Cargobull Group has manufacturing plants in Germany, Spain, Lithuania, Russia and China, and employs over 4,900 people. In the last financial year (2014/2015), Schmitz Cargobull had a turnover of approximately €1.6 billion and produced more than 45,000 trailers.

A number of additional services complete the company profile: Cargobull Finance for leasing and lease purchasing; Schmitz Cargobull Parts & Services for vehicle servicing and spare parts; Schmitz Cargobull Service Partners for repairs and maintenance; Schmitz Cargobull Telematics for trailer telematics and Schmitz Cargobull Trailer Store for used trailers. Schmitz Cargobull refrigerated units are constructed using the company's FERROPLAST® Thermo Technology modular steel-skinned panels to keep loads at the desired temperature.

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