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NEW SCHMITZ CARGOBULL TRAILERS BEAR FRUIT FOR STAPLEHURST TRANSITS

Fruit and vegetable distributor Staplehurst Transits has replaced a third of its fleet with Schmitz Cargobull reefers because of the equipment's strength and durability, and so the haulier can minimise downtime.

The Kent-based company routinely collects from rural locations, so its trailers are susceptible to damage from overhanging tree branches. Because Schmitz Cargobull's FERROPLAST® panels are stronger and more durable than other trailers, damage will be limited.

If any damage is caused, FERROPLAST® panels can be quickly and easily repaired rather than the trailer side requiring whole body repair.

Darren Goldup, Director at Staplehurst Transits, says: "If any of our trailers get damaged, we have to take them off the road for some time to carry out repairs, but with Schmitz Cargobull, we can just replace the panel that needs fixing which takes no time at all."

The seven new assets incorporate additional buffer protection under the rear doors to provide extra reinforcement, giving drivers confidence when reversing into loading bays at Staplehurst Transits' depot in Marden, Tonbridge.

The trailers are also equipped with Schmitz Cargobull's TrailerConnect telematics system, which provides real-time data of the location of each asset and the conditions inside, alerting the operator via text message should the internal temperature fall outside the set point.

Staplehurst Transits is a family-owned company with a 24-strong fleet that has specialised in the national distribution and storage of produce for more than 40 years.

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Editor's notes:

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With an annual production of some 61,000* trailers and around 6,400* employees, Schmitz Cargobull AG is Europe's leading manufacturer of semi-trailers, trailers and truck bodies for temperature-controlled freight, general cargo and bulk goods. The company achieved sales of more than € 2.2* billion in the 2017/2018 business year. As a pioneer in the industry, the North German company developed a comprehensive brand strategy early on and consistently established quality standards spanning every level: from research and development, to production and specialist services such as consulting, trailer telematics, financing, spare parts and used vehicles.

*Provisional figures for the 2017/2018 financial year. The figures for the past financial year (01/04/2017 – 31/03/2018) will be published by the Group in September 2018.

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