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UK-BUILT SCHMITZ CARGOBULL TRAILERS WASTE NO TIME MAKING MAJOR IMPACT AT AXIL INTEGRATED SERVICES

Axil Integrated Services has added two Manchester-manufactured Schmitz Cargobull S.CS FREEPOST semi-trailers to its busy fleet – citing the look, quality and payload benefits of the product as key reasons behind the deal.

The high-spec curtainsiders are the first trailers from Schmitz Cargobull to be put into service by the Cannock-based business. They will be paired with new Scania tractor units and used for hazardous waste collections across the UK.

Mark Downes, Director of Logistics and Fulfilment at Axil, says: "The new trailers look fantastic, offering exactly the right image for our forward-thinking business. We have traditionally leased our trailers, and these are among the first that we have purchased outright. They are spot on for our operations."

Designed specifically to meet the needs of the UK & Irish market – the S.CS FREEPOST offers quick, easy and safe side loading by incorporating a bolted galvanised steel cant rail and fixed aluminium roof sheet, as well as a reinforced chassis structure.

Axil worked closely on the specification with Aaron Howarth, Schmitz Cargobull Area Sales Manager for the East Midlands, even down to the artwork for the eyecatching silver livery.

"Paired with the new Scanias, they do look very smart," adds Downes. "The drivers have been very complimentary, they particularly like the lay-out – for instance where the storage boxes and fire extinguisher are located. The pillarless



design also makes loading and unloading easier, and we've opted for a tail-lift on the back. The fact they are built in Manchester means we are supporting British manufacturing too. Overall, it's a great package."

The unique design of the S.CS FREEPOST is focused on handling, the safety of the goods and the safety of the driver and those loading the vehicle. With no sliding posts, the trailers offer the driver free, lateral loading and unloading with a side aperture height of up to 3,200mm.

To facilitate unloading, the curtain can be tensioned from both the front and the rear. Driver safety is improved further by the Schmitz Cargobull Susi-Rail, with electrical and pneumatic connections which can be moved to the edge of the trailer to make coupling easier.

In addition, due to the bolted design, should the cant rail get damaged either by fork-lift masts or even a bridge strike it is possible to replace one of the five individual sections rather than having to replace the whole rail – which can be extremely costly.

Like all Schmitz Cargobull trailers, the S.CS FREEPOST is equipped with the ultra-durable, repair-friendly MODULOS chassis with a 10-year guarantee against rust-through. The manufacturer's TrailerConnect® telematics system is factory fitted as standard.

Axil provides nationwide waste management solutions to some of the UK's best-known brands across a range of sectors including aerospace, automotive, food, manufacturing and pharmaceutical. Its innovative total waste management services focus on reducing customers' business costs, while also reducing the impact on the environment.



Editor's notes:

About Axil

Axil are experts in total waste management, re-engineering waste to reduce costs and improve environmental performance. Providing solutions from recycling to recovery, treatment, and disposal, Axil manage all materials, specialising in hazardous and difficult-to-handle waste.

Axil is one of the fastest growing waste management companies, with £34 million revenue growth since 2018. Working with some of the UK's best-known brands such as Whirlpool, Birds Eye, LEVC and BMW Group, Axil offers waste management services to a range of industry sectors including Aerospace, Automotive, Food, Manufacturing and Pharmaceutical.

Helping companies to drive costs from their business and reduce their waste footprint, Axil offers advice on waste compliance and supports companies on their journey to Net Zero.

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About Schmitz Cargobull

Schmitz Cargobull is the leading manufacturer of semi-trailers for temperature-controlled freight, general cargo and bulk goods in Europe and a pioneer in digital solutions for trailer services and improved connectivity. The company also manufactures transport refrigeration machines for refrigerated semi-trailers for temperature-controlled freight transport. With a comprehensive range of services from financing, spare parts supply, service contracts and telematics solutions to used vehicle trading, Schmitz Cargobull supports its customers in optimising their total cost of ownership (TCO) and digital transformation.

Schmitz Cargobull was founded in 1892 in Münsterland, Germany. The family-run company produces around 60,000 vehicles per year with over 6,000 employees and generated a turnover of around 2.6 billion euros in the 2022/23 financial year. The international production network currently comprises ten plants in Germany, Lithuania, Spain, England, Turkey, Slovakia and Australia.

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