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DAVID DARRINGTON APPOINTED AS SCHMITZ CARGOBULL'S FIRST NETWORK TRAINING AND SUPPORT MANAGER FOR THE UK & IRELAND

Schmitz Cargobull has appointed David Darrington to the newly created role of Network Training and Support Manager UK & Ireland.

In his new position, Darrington is responsible for training technicians across Schmitz Cargobull's 72-strong service partner network in the UK & Ireland to ensure they deliver the highest standards when servicing the manufacturer's S.CU refrigeration units.

"I'll be out in the field supporting our network directly, working with the technicians to boost their skills, introduce new products and ensure that we deliver an excellent, consistent service," he says.

Darrington, a mechanical engineer, will also be point of contact for Schmitz Cargobull's telematics system, TrailerConnect®, and SMART management services, which are used across its temperature-controlled trailer products.

Previously, he was Technical Training Manager at Marshall Fleet Solutions where he trained the company's workforce of mobile refrigeration technicians on Thermo-King products.

Darrington holds a City & Guilds Level 3 in Electric and Hybrid Vehicle System Repair and a teaching qualification from Nottingham City College. He has also been involved in an ongoing project with the City of Liverpool College to develop the first dedicated transport refrigeration engineer qualification.

The new hire will be pivotal in the creation of a training academy at the manufacturer's used trailers site in Whitchurch, Shropshire, in the coming year. The facility will act as a centre of excellence for refrigeration systems, arming a new generation of technicians with crucial skills.

"We've traditionally done training in the field, taking units to site. I want to take this to the next level where there's a classroom and a workshop, with a training roadmap for these technicians to follow," adds Darrington.

It is the first time that Schmitz Cargobull has had a dedicated trainer based in the UK & Ireland. It comes as the popularity of Schmitz Cargobull's S.CU continues to grow as operators opt for a 'one stop shop' approach.

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Editor's notes:

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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