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A NEW VOLVO FM RIGID BOOSTS THE ROAD SWEEPER FLEET AT COLLINS EARTHWORKS

Kirkby in Ashfield-based, Collins Earthworks has taken delivery of its first Volvo FM sweeper truck, supplied by Kevan Morris, Truck Sales Executive at Crossroads Truck and Bus Limited. The new arrival joins a fleet of seven Volvo FEs in the company's road sweeper division.

The high specification Volvo FM-330 4x2 rigid features a Globetrotter Cab above a D11K engine producing 330hp and 1600Nm of torque. Behind this Euro-6 power plant is Volvo's award-winning I-Shift automated mechanical gearbox with 12 forward speeds, with the FM chassis featuring front steel, rear air suspension and an 8-tonne front axle. Specified for long distance site work, with nights out, the FM's interior includes Drive Package Plus and 1 Bed Resting packages.

The new Volvo is fitted with a Stocks Sweepers S8400 sweeper body, which is designed for heavy-duty applications on an 18-tonne chassis. The S8400's specification includes a JCB auxiliary engine, a 3650mm sweeping path and a 3000 litre clean water tank.

"We required a larger chassis for the Stocks Sweeper S8400 body, so it was a logical decision to move up to a Volvo FM rigid," reports Andy Jinks, Transport Workshop Manager at Collins Earthworks.

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“We already operate seven FE road sweeper vehicles and have another two in build, so we know the Volvo product range really well. The new FM sweeper came with a cab coloured bumper, mirrors, step and visor, in addition to Alcoa Dura-Bright EVO alloy wheels, so it really looks the part in our company livery,” Andy adds.

Collins Earthworks retain their road sweepers for around five years and the company operates a one driver, one truck policy to assist with this fleet’s signature high vehicle presentation standards.

“Our drivers rate Volvo trucks highly and the introduction of I-Shift automated gearboxes into the sweeper fleet has made a big difference. I-Shift is one of the best transmissions systems around and I’ve always associated the Volvo brand with good, strong products,” Andy concludes.

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Caption for photograph :

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Notes for Editors :

1. A loyal Volvo Trucks and Volvo Construction Equipment customer, Collins Earthworks was founded by Dave Collins many years ago.
2. Working initially as a sole trader, the business expanded and became a registered company in the year 2000.
3. Six years later the trading name was changed to Collins Earthworks Ltd and the company now operates on a nationwide basis, with sites from Scotland to Southampton.
4. Collins Earthworks’ 35-strong road transport fleet is split into three separate divisions; heavy haulage, muckaway / import and road sweeper hire.

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