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A NEW VOLVO FOUR-AXLE TRACTOR UNIT COMES TO THE FORE AT H.C. WILSON TRANSPORT LTD.

Well-known industrial and plant fabrication carriers, H.C. Wilson Transport Ltd. of Suffolk has ordered its first new Volvo truck; a high specification FH-540 8x4 Tridem tractor unit, supplied by Ian Reed, Area Sales Manager at Volvo Truck and Bus Centre East Anglia.

The Globetrotter XL 3,900mm wheelbase Tridem Pusher Axle tractor unit is powered by Volvo's D13K engine, producing a maximum of 540hp. The FH was ordered with an I-Shift Crawler gearbox containing a direct top ratio of 19:1 and a deep multi speed reverse gear with a ratio of 37:1. A gearbox-mounted retarder also provides a substantial secondary braking system. The final drive tandem single reduction axles carry a ratio of 2.83:1.

The vehicle is rated for maximum 90-tonne operations, but will predominately work in the 55 to 60-tonne weight brackets. Both the front and pusher axles are nine-tonne air suspension units, the latter contributing to a rear bogie capacity of 32-tonnes.

"We'd previously bought our four axle tractor units from Holland, but this requirement is now better served through a dealer local to our business," states Simon Wilson, Managing Director at H.C. Wilson Transport Ltd. "Volvo were genuinely interested to quote for such a vehicle and having a factory built four axle tractor unit was also a bonus, saving on purchase cost and delivery times."

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Volvo Trucks UK & Ireland provides complete transport solutions for professional and demanding customers by offering a full range of medium to heavy duty trucks through a network of 85 dealerpoints, as well as solutions for financing and service. Based in Warwick, Volvo Trucks delivered more than 6,300 trucks in 2018. The company is part of the AB Volvo Group, which is headquartered in Gothenburg, Sweden and is one of the world's leading manufacturers of trucks, buses and construction equipment, drive systems for marine and industrial applications, aerospace components and services. All the Group's activities are based on its core values of quality, safety and environmental care.



A Jost cast fixed fifth wheel, steel front bumper and Dura-Bright EVO alloy wheels are also included the specification.

Simon explains, *“European work makes up two thirds of our total business and the regulations around German 1st axle weights drive our choice of four-axle tractor units. I’m not a big fan of really big engines, but we have to balance power outputs and fuel consumption levels with terrain traversed and higher operating weights. We operated some early Volvo FHs that were sourced as used in the mid-1990s, but this is our first Volvo ordered new. We’re feeling our way with the vehicle at present and it’s early days. However, there’s been no complaints from the driver,”* he adds.

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Caption for photographs :

H.C. Wilson Transport Ltd of Elmswell, Suffolk, has ordered its first new Volvo truck, a high specification FH-540 8x4 Tridem tractor unit.

Notes for Editors :

1. H.C. Wilson Transport Ltd was founded by Hugh Wilson and his wife, Marion in the early 1960s, moving agricultural produce and eventually machinery around Suffolk.
2. After transporting hay and straw, the company spotted a gap in the market and was one of the first to transport brand new farm machinery from factories in France and Germany.
3. The business is now operated by Hugh and Marion’s son, Simon and a loyal, hard-working staff team.
4. H.C. Wilson Transport Ltd currently operates a fleet of 17 trucks and 55 trailers, specialising in transport of industrial and plant fabrications and their famous red livery incorporating a white letter ‘W’ has become synonymous throughout Europe.

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