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VOLVO TRUCKS PROVIDE A TRANSMISSION TRANSITION AT G. HEADLEY TRANSPORT

A new high specification Volvo FH-540 tractor unit fitted with an I-Shift Dual Clutch automated gearbox is already delivering positive performance results at Manchester-based, G. Headley Transport.

Supplied by Paul McNicholas, Customer Solutions Manager at Thomas Hardie Commercials Ltd., the stunning white Volvo FH Globetrotter XL-equipped tractor unit is powered by a D13K engine producing a maximum 540hp. Behind this is the I-Shift Dual Clutch automated gearbox that drives a single reduction axle with a ratio of 3.40:1.

The 3,000mm wheelbase full air suspension, FH 6x2 tag axle chassis is fitted with a 620-litre fuel tank, an Kelsa air lines frame and Alcoa Dura-Bright alloy wheels.

The custom-made catwalk and polished 'fuel tank' type chassis side skirts, manufactured by Burrow Fabrications, Kelsa LED light bars, colour coded paintwork by Wykes Commercials in Irlam and air brushed artwork by Kieran Davies all combine to give the Volvo FH a unique finish.

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"I've moved from driving a Volvo FH16-750 to our new FH-540 with I-Shift Dual Clutch," notes Graeme Headley, Joint Managing Director at G. Headley Transport, adding. "I was lucky enough to visit Volvo's plant in Ghent to see my new truck being built and roll off the production line. Since then the truck has had a lot of extra custom-made equipment added and I also switched over the Trux-manufactured, front protector and spotlight bar from my previous Volvo."

The twin wheeled tag axle FH-540 will be used on brick and block haulage across the UK and the truck also benefits from a three-year Volvo Gold Service contract that will be carried out by Thomas Hardie Commercials in Trafford Park.

Graeme continues, *"We have four Volvo trucks in our fleet of five vehicles and I've dealt with Thomas Hardie Commercials for years. I've driven Volvos all my life and see no reason to change. I really wanted to try the I-Shift Dual Clutch gearbox, which is a superb system. The gear changes are seamless and make the engine feel like a 600hp unit."*

"It's early days yet, but the fuel consumption figures are already 1.2mpg better than my previous 16-litre Volvo and that figure should improve as the engine beds in," Graeme declares.

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Caption for photographs :

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