



## Press Information

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### **VOLVO'S LEADING PAYLOAD FIGURES DELIVER THE GOODS FOR MONK TRANSPORT**

**Bulk haulage specialists, Monk Transport of Mostyn, North Wales have purchased three new Volvo FH-500 tractor units, all equipped with the factory-fitted Lite pusher axle. The trio now offers the highest payload potential in the company's mixed marque fleet.**

Supplied by Dave Hill, Customer Solutions Manager at Thomas Hardie Commercials of Deeside, the 4,000mm wheelbase tractor units were ordered with Globetrotter Cabs, Volvo D13K Euro-6 engines rated at 500hp with 2,500Nm of torque and 12-speed I-Shift automated transmission systems. Rounding off the powertrain assemblies are RSS1356 rear axles with a ratio of 2.50:1.

Monk Transport carefully specified the 6x2 tractor units, which included Volvo's 4.5 tonne gross, Lite vehicle weight pusher axle, to maximise payload potential. This chassis configuration delivers improved efficiencies and cost savings for bulk transport operators. Alcoa Dura-Bright alloy wheels also help to reduce the FHs' kerb weight and add to vehicles' visual appeal, which includes smart Metallic Silver cab paintwork.

James Monk, who runs the company with his brother Philip, reports *"Volvo's lightweight specification drops the kerb weight by half-a-tonne reducing the number of trips the truck has to make."*

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James continues, *"The fleet is a mix of brands, and we had an identical specification Volvo FH before with the traditional 7.5 tonne gross vehicle weight pusher axle. This time we chose Volvo's Lite pusher axle and it saved 500kg. The three new FHs are now the lightest vehicles in the entire fleet and with a trailer coupled we can achieve a payload figure of 29,100kg. This is important, the trucks will do up to 140,000km a year, often completing two trips a day, meaning we save a journey every six weeks."*

Monks Transport's drivers are also very impressed with the new FH-500 Globetrotters and James concludes, *"It's extremely important for us to attract the best drivers in what is a difficult marketplace. To do this we opt for Volvo trucks featuring the highest level of driver comfort including luxury leather seats, touch screen satellite navigation, microwave ovens, fridge / freezers and televisions. When you combine this with the legendary driveability of the Volvo we feel it's a winning combination and the drivers' incredibly positive feedback is testament of this."*

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**Caption for photographs :**

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