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**ROB GIBBONS TRANSPORT IMPRESSED WITH 10% DIESEL COST- SAVING EACH WEEK WITH NEW SCHMITZ CARGOBULL REEFER**

Temperature-controlled haulage specialist Rob Gibbons Transport has said its first new box body semi-trailer S.KO COOL is proving to be the perfect workhorse for its international haulage work.

The Newport-based business specified a mono-temp trailer with Schmitz Cargobull’s S.CU V2.0 cooling unit and has been impressed by both the product and customer service received.

Rob Gibbons, owner of the haulage firm, says: “This is our first trailer with a Schmitz Cargobull cooling unit, and I’ve been amazed at how quiet it is compared to some of the third-party kit we have in the fleet. It’s efficient too, averaging about 30 litres less diesel a week, which is a significant 10% saving in comparison to the other units we are running.”

The new S.KO COOL semi-trailer features Alcoa Dura-Bright alloy wheels, a pallet box with burgundy metallic paint matching the DAF 530 XG+ tractor unit pulling it, ride adjustable suspension and an external bulkhead fuel-level display providing a hassle-free visual reference for the cooling unit’s status.

Traveling to France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, the trailer is covering around 3,000 km a week with operational flexibility key: typical goods moved, mainly for foodservice and the pharmaceutical industry, can require anything from minus 25 to plus 20 degrees depending on the load.

As with all new Schmitz Cargobull products, the S.KO COOL comes with two years of TrailerConnect® access, and the telematics system allows for easy control and monitoring of trailer temperature and performance via the beSmart app for mobile devices. “We have some older Schmitz Cargobull trailers, but this is the first time we’ve had the TrailerConnect® package. It works brilliantly and allows us to keep our customers updated too,” says Gibbons.

The deal was facilitated by Geoff Ward, Regional Manager for the North West, Wales and the West Midlands at Schmitz Cargobull UK & Ireland.

“Geoff was awesome, and the process of ordering and specifying the trailer through to its production and collection was great. The trailer’s been a fantastic addition to the business,” adds Gibbons.

The new generation S.CU V2.0 cooling units lower fuel consumption due to the improved combination of diesel engine and generator. The intelligent partial load operation of the latest drive unit ensures that there is only minimal deviation from the cold storage temperature setpoint, combined with the most efficient use of resources.

Set up in 2001, Rob Gibbons Transport has grown to nine trucks specialising in cross-channel runs to Continental Europe moving temperature-controlled goods.

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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 2.4 billion euros in the 2023/24 financial year. The international production network currently comprises ten plants in Germany, Lithuania, Spain, England, Turkey, Slovakia and Australia.

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