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WHALE TANKERS GETS IN TOW WITH VOLVO TRUCKS

Two Midlands-based heavyweights from the commercial vehicle and bodybuilding industry - Whale Tankers and Volvo Trucks - got together recently, and it all centred on a rendezvous at a local quarry in Bickenhill - the chosen venue for Volvo Trucks' five day ride and drive event in support of the launch of its new FMX commercial vehicle range.

Whale Tankers lent its support at the event by parading one of its latest VacuumWhales - a hazardous waste tri-axle tanker in the livery of pro-Whale customer, SP Holding of Telford, Shropshire. And the 44-tonne unit, manufactured to ADR Class 3, 6.1 and 8 specifications proved a real head turner, particularly as it was paired with Volvo's powerful FM 420 Globetrotter 6x2 chassis, a vehicle that boasts being assembled in a carbon-neutral factory and which is powered by a 13-litre diesel engine.

As event organiser, Andy Collett of Volvo Trucks commented: “The combination of the tractor unit and Whale hazardous tanker certainly proved a talking point at the event, which successfully attracted some 600 guests over the five day period. Indeed it was great to see two local companies from the Midlands working together and supporting each other in such a manner. Not only do we already work closely with Whale, we hold the company in high regards when it comes to the quality of the products that they manufacture.”

Commenting on behalf of Whale Tankers, Managing Director, Mark Warmington said: “We enjoy a long standing relationship with Volvo Trucks and we were understandably delighted when they asked us to get involved with the event. It presented us with an ideal opportunity to demonstrate our capabilities when it comes to hazardous waste tankers. Not surprisingly, our customer, SP Holding jumped at the chance to get involved.”

One of two identical VacuumWhales order by SP Holding, the new units are manufactured from 316-grade stainless steel, the frameless vacuum tanker’s chassis featuring full air suspension with lifting front axle. With a capacity of 29,500 litres, the tank features three top man lids and a hydraulically operated folding handrail with full-length catwalk. Serving as a deployable gantry walkway, this design feature helps ensure the tanker is fully compliant with current working at height regulations whilst operating on-site.

The ADR tanker’s vacuum capability comes in the form of a high performance Mistral 7 Series exhauster/compressor that features flame traps either side of the exhauster.

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