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Record for Scania in Austria:

450 trucks in the largest order to date

Scania's wholly owned subsidiary Scania Österreich has signed its largest contract to date: Interliner Transporte & Spedition has ordered 450 Scania trucks in one order for its growing European traffic. Most of them will be equipped with Scania's new 16-litre V8 engine.

Interliner has bought almost 200 trucks from Scania in recent years. Commenting on this contract and Interliner's expansion, Scania Österreich says the deciding factor was that Scania is able to offer full-coverage Pan-European service.

"This order is particularly important, not only for Scania Österreich but also for the whole of Scania's European service organisation," says Håkan Sundström, Managing Director of Scania Österreich. "At the same time, it is also interesting to note, this is the largest single contract that Scania has ever signed with a customer in Austria."

Besides Scania's V8 engines, the new trucks will also be equipped with the new 12-litre 6-cylinder turbocompound engine with 470 hp. About 90 percent of the vehicles will be tractor units and will be used on Interliner's long-distance routes. The remainder will be equipped for various types of special transport. Interliner's base is located at Ried in Traunkreis in Oberösterreich.

Deliveries to Interliner start directly after the turn of the year and will continue over a period of four years.

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