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T H WHITE Lorry Cranes deliver 'second-to-none' Barrier Rig vehicle to Kier Highways

As the official national distributor of Palfinger and Epsilon cranes and equipment, T H WHITE Lorry Cranes has a strong reputation for installing premium products on a wide range of vehicle chassis.

Being the UK's largest lorry crane provider offering in-house assembly, body-building and servicing, T H WHITE Lorry Cranes has been working with leading commercial vehicle contract hire company LC Vehicle Hire for approximately 15 years. T H WHITE has been responsible for supplying equipment for their large fleet of contract hire commercial vehicles from our Palfinger, Epsilon and Orteco ranges.

Most recently T H WHITE have been contracted by LC Vehicle Hire to install not only the cranes but also provide Orteco piling units alongside the specialist bodywork required.

In Autumn of 2017 T H WHITE Lorry Cranes division were delighted to hand over a brand-new Barrier Rig built to the precise specification required by Kier Highways, a sector leader in UK highways maintenance, working in partnership with LC Vehicle Hire, who have placed orders for seven units on both 18t & 26t chassis.

Mitch Barnes, LC Vehicle Hire Operations Manager, who collaborated with Kier commented, "this vehicle is another specialist addition to the LC fleet that is tailor-made to the customer's requirements."

Karl Simpson, Regional Transport and Plant Manager at Kier and responsible for developing and maintaining the fleet, says:

"Kier Highways introduces the latest vehicles to the fleet to meet and exceed our client's requirements. New, high specification vehicles also aid our workforce in carrying out their jobs effectively, reducing manual handling requirements and protecting them to ensure high levels of safety."

Built on a Mercedes Antos 2535 truck supplied by Northside Truck & Van Ltd, the onboard Palfinger PK 19.001 SLD5 with an A boom is supplied with a radio remote control for improved usability and safety. Its intelligent, lightweight design provides higher payloads with a lifting capacity of 6200kg and a maximum hydraulic outreach of 14.8 metres.

Built for heavy duty pile driving, the Orteco HD 800 truck mounted Pile Driver has a hydraulic rotation system enabling operation from either side of the vehicle, as well as the ability to deliver 680 blows per minute with a 1060 joule hammer.

These premium, powerful units are complemented by installation on a custom-built body from T H WHITE Lorry Cranes - a twin access, triple drop side solution with fall prevention system.

Additional features include 180° hydraulic, tiltable support legs; non-slip access stairs with safety door; integrated hand hygiene dispensers; work lighting; large storage compartments and Chapter 8 compliant vehicle markings.

Karl continues, "Since taking possession of this vehicle, it has been used to carry out all the safety fence repairs and street lighting column replacements within the Highways England Area 13 ALDM Contract.

"It is performing above and beyond our expectations due to its manoeuvrability and with the extra payload it is enabling the team to take all the required materials to site in one trip, saving both time and money."

The handover of the brand-new vehicle was carried out by Scott Marsland, Sales Support Officer at T H WHITE Lorry Cranes, and included a comprehensive training session with the end user to ensure full understanding. All Barrier Rigs are delivered with Type Approval as well as a 2-year warranty on the complete rig, and a 3-year warranty on the Palfinger crane specifically.

Antony Fensom, Fleet Engineer at LC Vehicle Hire said, "The quality of the complete build delivered by T H WHITE is second-to-none. Their ability to provide a one stop shop for the whole installation including WVTA, the knowledge of the sales, technical and service teams and the nationwide support from the service engineers helps LC Vehicle Hire supply specialist vehicles across the country with confidence."

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Note to Editors:

High resolution photographs of the vehicle described in this press release are available from Cassie Reid, cassie.reid@thwhite.co.uk, 01380 722381.