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Fleet update

As part of the company's scheduled replacement programme, 35 new tractor units entered service in 2015, which this time round consisted of a mix of MAN TGS, and Scania P series vehicles.

All the new vehicles meet the Euro 6 emissions standard. Most of the new vehicles entered service throughout the autumn.



This year was also the first time Suckling Transport have purchased vehicles from Scania, where Dan Bauckham commented 'We welcome Scania as one of our approved vehicle vendors'.

The last two new vehicles from this batch will enter service in early January. Both will be fitted with additional safety devices, such as Advanced Emergency Breaking, and Lane Departure Warning.

31 of the new vehicles are also fitted with a new RTL telematics package, which includes remote tachograph data downloading, forward facing cameras, plus a new touch screen in cab interface.



The new vehicles will operate in Grangemouth, Bedworth, Hythe, West Thurrock, West London, & Thames.

Christmas Message

During the last 8 weeks I have had the opportunity to attend meetings with our drivers at Thames, Avonmouth and Hythe. I was personally impressed by the professionalism of the drivers that I met as well as the ideas and suggestions they shared with me.



Coming towards the end of 2015 the Company is happy overall with the performance of our staff, however there are always areas for continued improvement. In 2016 I believe we can, as we always do, work together and cope with the challenges that will face us.

I'm happy to announce the result of the competition to find a new slogan for our white trailers. The winning slogan is a combination of two entries:

'Flexible logistics to keep you moving'

Thanks to Darren Dedman (P66, Thames) and Rob Wallis (Shell, Hythe) for their successful suggestions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Jesus Ciria

Injury Free

Suckling Transport is pleased to pass their thanks onto the workforce working on their contract with Phillips 66 for their contribution towards 1000 days without injury.

To have been given recognition for this achievement is always well received and Suckling Transport looks forward to working together with Phillips 66 in 2016 and remaining incident free. Well done to everyone involved.





TOP TEN

Reflective Learning

A new toolbox talk has been rolled out in Quarter 4: 2015 across our operations with Shell UK Limited, highlighting where the risks and hazards are with slips, trips and falls in partnership with the customer.

It is important to work together to prevent injuries which are avoidable and can have significant impacts for the individuals concerned.

We have recently received some proactive observations/site defects that we are acting on to reduce risks and would welcome any additional suggestions no matter how small or insignificant they appear. We want to do all we can to help prevent slips, trips and falls.

Safety Talks

Dates for the toolbox talks taking place in 2016 will shortly be agreed; please keep an eye on your noticeboards in your Terminals for the dates.

Topics being covered during the first six months of the year are listed below, these are subject to change and/or any additional topics that deemed appropriate nearer to the date:

Quarter 1:

2015 incident review, Local issues, Conflict resolution, Spillages, Safety observations and Goal Zero

Quarter 2:

Safety stats, Local issues, PPE, Defensive driving and Roll-overs.

New Employees

Since the last edition of the news bulletin one new member of staff has joined the team at Head Office, Rafael Fernandez , Admin Assistant (photo below).



In addition several new drivers has also joined the company, a warm welcome to:

Terry Brazier, Christian Farmer, Paul Sportelli and Neil Thombs (Bedworth). Garry Cook, David Lennon and John Little (Grangemouth) Christopher Charles (Hythe). Richard Dickinson, Anthony Ferrer and Cliff Woodfield (West Thurrock)

TankShare Operations

Our TankShare operation has had a successful year operating in London, Bedworth, Avonmouth, Hythe, Plymouth, Aberdeen, Clydebank, and Grangemouth. We now feel the time is right to expand our services to a new location.

After careful consideration we are pleased to advise we have decided to extend our operation into Teesside where we expect to be able to provide spot shifts during the first quarter of 2016.

If you have any requirements in Teesside, please contact Shaun Rees-Brown on 01268-419266.

My Top Ten

Mark Boles, Transport Supervisor based in our Grangemouth office took the top ten interview this time round.

Record

The Masterplan by Oasis

TV Programme

Friends

Book

Boy (by Roald Dahl)

Film

Bad Boys



TV Personality

Keith Lemon

Holiday Resort

Not a resort, but Scotland!

Restaurant

Beancross Farm, Grangemouth

Suckling Employee

Sue Nicholas
(good move Mr Boles)

Sports Person

Jensen Button

Motto, slogan or quote

Live for the moment.

If you want to take part in the top ten interview, please contact Sue Nicholas at: sue.nicholas@sucklingtransport.co.uk



Worcester Race Day

Suckling Transport held its annual corporate event at Worcester Race Course on Wednesday 24th June which saw the 12th running of the sponsored Suckling Transport Handicap Chase.



The event was attended by over 50 guests who raised over £600 for 1mKm challenge chosen charity 'Cash for Kids' chosen by our Operating Centre in Clydebank. Suckling Transport kindly rounded up the money raised to £1000.00.



The Suckling Transport Handicap chase was won by Surf & Turf with Miss Tenacious coming in second and Fair Dilemma third.



Surf & Turf

Since the 1mKm challenge was launched in 2009, almost £28,000 has been raised for charity. The most successful charity to date is Cancer Research UK with donations of £5550.00.



Directors Jesus Ciria & Barbara Bertani with winning jockey & owner of Surf & Turf.

SBG Group Directors Meeting

Managing Director, Jesus Ciria, Financial Director, Alan Dodson and Shaun Rees-Brown, Director of Operations recently attended an SBG Group managers meeting at SBG's offices in Barcelona.

Directors and Senior Managers from the Groups operations in Italy, Spain, France and the UK were in attendance. "The meetings were very productive and an excellent opportunity to share learnings and ideas

from across the regions" commented Alan, "there was also a clear message regarding the ambitions of the SBG Group to continue to grow the business in the UK" he added.



Site Route Risk Assessments



As part of our commitment to continuously improve safety, the company has recently reviewed their site route risk assessments process on their contract with Shell UK.

As part of the review the introduction of warning flags to indicate where a near miss or incident has occurred, was placed on the new format. Further details of the near miss or incident will be provided in the hazard section of the site route risk assessment.

The review also included more emphasis on any potential hazards and the site specific information i.e. site plan drawing which was agreed to be more beneficial for the driver during the delivery process.

It was also agreed to harmonise the delivery journey route with more details to be provided as the driver neared the delivery site.

Parts of the site route risk assessments will remain unchanged, this includes the details of safe havens, DUD instructions and photos.

The new format is currently being used for any new delivery sites that are acquired with the aim to roll out the new format on the remainder of the site route risk assessments in due course.

As a reminder to drivers, could you please regularly check the site route risk assessments at your terminals and advise the H&S department or Sue Nicholas ASAP with any changes.

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