

European trucking for PTM International's first Iveco Stralis

(Watford, 23 March 2011): Specialist haulier PTM International has taken delivery of its first Iveco Stralis tractor unit from Hendy Van & Truck. The high-specification Stralis 4x2 artic joins a 20-strong heavy truck fleet and will be used for temperature controlled distribution across the Continent and beyond, regularly delivering to countries including Portugal, Greece and Sweden – plus offering customers proficient transportation solutions to Russia and North Africa.

PTM International chose to purchase its first Iveco based on positive reports from other drivers and fleet owners, with the dealer locating a vehicle from stock which proved a perfect match with PTM's requirements.

The Stralis features the flagship Active Space Super³ cab, coupled with a specification which includes long-range 700-litre and 400-litre diesel tanks, polished alloy wheels and an inline fuel filter heater to ensure the truck is well-equipped for winter trips to Scandinavia, Eastern Europe and Russia.

The driver enjoys one of the largest premium cabs on the market, with features including a slide-out fridge and a swivelling passenger seat which guarantees maximum relaxation during rest breaks. Both seats are finished in two-tone dark grey and black leather, with the driver's air-suspended three-way adjustable seat offering up to 220 mm of longitudinal reach.

Peter Mansky, Managing Director of PTM International, says: "From the moment of our initial enquiry, Tony Pettifer at Hendy got straight to work in finding a stock vehicle which would live up to our fleet expectations. When you compare the specification of our Stralis against any of the existing vehicles in our mixed fleet, we're confident we've bought a very good truck.

"We're always a little concerned with how our company livery will take to a new model, but the Stralis sets it off perfectly. It's drawing a lot of attention on the road," he adds.

Power is provided by a 13 litre Cursor 13 engine which is capable of producing up to 500 hp and 2,300 Nm of torque between 1,000 and 1,525 rev/min. This proven engine is driven through a EuroTronic gearbox which offers the driver a choice between fully or semi-automated shifts – continuing a trend Iveco started with the



launch of the original Stralis in 2002, when it became the first heavy truck to be fitted with an automated gearbox as standard.

PTM International was established in 1991 with a single vehicle carrying groupage to Scandinavia and offers proven expertise in handling large, valuable loads. The Stralis is expected to transport mainly pharmaceuticals.

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Iveco, a Fiat Industrial company, designs, manufactures, and markets a broad range of light, medium and heavy commercial vehicles, off-road trucks, city and intercity buses and coaches as well as special vehicles for applications such as fire fighting, off-road missions, defence and civil protection.

Iveco employs almost 25,000 people and runs 24 production units in 11 Countries in the world using excellent technologies developed in 6 research centres. Besides Europe, the company operates in China, Russia, Australia and Latin America. Around 5,000 sales and service outlets in over 160 Countries guarantee technical support wherever in the world an Iveco vehicle is at work.

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