

ROG Win Significant Train Movements Contract

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ROG class 47 47812 hauling 442407 passes Brookwood en route from Three Bridges depot to Eastleigh works



ROG have signed a 5-year, multi-million pound contract with Angel Trains Limited (ATL). The contract is for the operation of ATL's DMU, EMU and HST fleet movements in connection with train maintenance, refurbishment, fleet cascade programmes and rolling stock storage, including the operation of 'warm storage' programmes. The operation spans much of the UK rail network from Plymouth to Inverness and includes numerous routes, train depots and major works facilities.

Karl Watts, ROG's Managing Director said "this not only demonstrates the industry's growing confidence in ROG's unrivalled capability and performance but also that the industry, for many years, has been in need of a dedicated supplier to manage and operate train movements on behalf of the rolling stock engineering and leasing sectors".

The image captures an ex-Gatwick Express class 442 EMU owned by ATL being hauled to Eastleigh works for storage. (Many thanks to Michael Thorne for the image).

Siemens Desiro Testing Complete

ROG have successfully tested their translator modified class 37 locomotives with Siemens Desiro EMUs for locomotive haulage. Completion of the tests now allow ROG to locomotive haul Siemens Desiro units on the UK network without the need for barrier/brake force vehicles or translator vehicles. This provides for a much more sophisticated and elegant means to locomotive haul Siemens Desiro EMUs and reduces costs to the customer. The image captures one of ROG's

class 37 locomotives coupled to a LM Siemens Desiro EMU following testing on 22 July 2016.



ROG Involved in 'Serious Incident'

ROG deployed its considerable knowledge of Emergency Preparedness in assisting London Midland (LM) with an emergency exercise at their Soho Maintenance Depot in Birmingham. Along with West Midlands Fire & Rescue Service, ROG's locomotive, vehicle and traincrew resources supported LM's exercise which simulated a level crossing incident and collision with road vehicles. Operations & Compliance Director David Burley, who attended the scene of the exercise, said "Rail Operations Group was delighted to support London Midland in this hugely important and professionally managed event. It was however equally important for us to test our own emergency response procedures through the exercise."

The image captures the exercise in full swing on 31 July 2016.



1st Passenger Charter Operation for ROG

Following the award of a passenger train operating licence, ROG operate their first passenger charter service on 29 August. The service, in aid of the Railway Children charity, is from Waterloo to Poole and employs two class 442 EMUs. For information and tickets please go to: <http://www.vintagetrains.co.uk/railopsgroup/>

European Compliant Driver Training

ROG are supporting supporting LORAM (formerly RVEL) with European compliant main-line train driver training. Utilising ROG's new training centre in Derby, training has included classroom theory, practical train handling and class 73 traction training.

The image shows a pair of Network Rail class 73 locomotives operated by ROG on a driver training run from Kidderminster to Derby.



Destination North Pole!

North Pole depot in west London that is! ROG delivered GWR's first class 387 EMUs to North Pole depot for Bombardier on Thursday 28 July 2016. The trains are locomotive hauled as there is currently no fully electrified route onto the Great Western (GW) network.

The image shows the train ready to depart the class 387 EMU commissioning depot at Bletchley.



Making Contact

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