

ROG Deliver Siemens e320 Velaro Eurostar Trains

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Picture of a Siemens e320 on test in Germany



Rail Operations Group (ROG) have undertaken the first of a series of deliveries of newly built Siemens e320 Velaro Eurostar trains. The deliveries are from Aachen in Germany to Vorst in Brussels, Belgium. ROG sub-contract the moves to B-Logistics. The operation is ROG's second European contract and signifies the company's intention to become a truly international operator.

ROG Awarded 2017 Train Operator of the Year

Rail Operations Group were announced as the 2017 Operator of the Year at this year's UK Rail Industry Awards event held at the amazing Battersea Evolution in London.

"We're absolutely blown away by such a prestigious award" said Karl Watts, ROG's Managing Director. "If we can achieve this in only our second year as a train operating company, what's in store for the future"? The company attribute the award to its industry leading customer service and innovative approach to solving emerging industry challenges.



ROG's Locomotive Fleet Strengthened

ROG's fleet of five Class 47 locomotives is to be strengthened by the successful acquisition of a sixth member of this class.

47813 has been successfully acquired from its present owners and will transfer to the Rail Operations Group fleet pool later this month.

ROG's Operations Director Dave Burley said "The successful acquisition of a sixth locomotive enables ROG to further realise its potential in supporting the rolling stock engineering and leasing community. It is another huge step that demonstrates ROG's preparation for the continued growth that this innovative company is experiencing month on month".

The locomotives are in addition to its leased class 86 AC electric and class 37 locomotives.

ROG's Team Continues to Expand

The coming months sees ROG's team being further strengthened by the recruitment of a number of industry professionals to support its continually expanding business. Contract Management, Business Development, Front Line Operations, Operating Standards, Operations Control and Operations Planning teams are being enhanced to meet projected growth through the early part of 2017.

ISO9001 Quality Management Accreditation

On 21 February 2017, the British Standards Institute (BSI) issued ROG the ISO9001(2015) accreditation for its Quality Management System. Stephanie Ferry, ROG's SQE Manager who led the project said "the work undertaken by ROG to achieve this is clear demonstration of ROG's commitment to enhancing customer satisfaction through the effective application of its Quality Management Systems and processes".



Tightlock Fitted Locomotives

Just over a year after introducing the UK's first Dellner coupler fitted locomotives dedicated to undertaking EMU rolling stock movements, ROG now launch its first Tightlock fitted locomotive. This enables ROG to undertake locomotive hauled movements of Tightlock fitted EMUs without the need for additional translator vehicles. Dispensing of the need for translator vehicles increases operational reliability, significantly reduces depot time but, most importantly, reduces industry costs. The project further demonstrates ROG's commitment in providing the best possible service to our rolling stock leasing and engineering customers.



More Train Operating Contracts

ROG win more train operating contracts including class 168 DMUs from Loughborough to Wembley, Class 170 DMUs from Loughborough to Tyseley, Class 319 EMUs from Cricklewood to Long Marston, Class 387 EMUs along the Thames Valley, Class 320 EMUs from Shields to Springburn and Class 321 EMUs from Ilford to Wolverton.

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