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## **GB Railfreight provides Class 380 drivers for ScotRail**

GB Railfreight (GBRf), the UK's most reliable freight haulier, has won a contract to provide drivers for commissioning running of the new Class 380 units being introduced in Scotland.

GBRf drivers will commence runs next week, with the contract expected to run until the end of March 2011. The runs will take place overnight between Glasgow and Carlisle and in Ayrshire and Inverclyde.

Nick Hortin, new trains director at ScotRail, said: *"Each new train will make overnight runs between Glasgow and Carlisle. This is the last stage of commissioning before they start to enter passenger service in mid October."*

A pool of GBRf drivers went out to the Siemens testing facility at Wildenrath in Germany to train on the units before they were hauled to the UK earlier this month.

Phil Amos, market manager for rail services, GBRf, said: *"The main role of the drivers will be to perform fault free commissioning runs, which each unit will need to complete before it is accepted into service."*

John Thompson, train manager, GBRf, added: *"Training in Germany went smoothly and prepared us well to take the new trains onto the mainline in Scotland for the first time. The Class 380 is an impressive train for both staff and public alike and I expect them to enter service quickly and successfully. We are proud to be playing a part in their introduction."*

Once they have entered service the Class 380s will be running on the Ayrshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire lines initially, with North Berwick and Dunbar routes being added from March 2011.

### **About GB Railfreight**

GB Railfreight (GBRf) is one of the UK's leading specialist rail freight companies, operating a wide ranging portfolio of intermodal and bulk traffic services in commodities such as coal, petrochemicals, and construction materials. Its innovative approach and focus on flexibility, reliability and customer service has led to a raft of rail industry awards and a number of recent significant contract wins.

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