

PRESS RELEASE



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GB Railfreight signs contract with Wabtec Rail for the movement of Class 320 units

GB Railfreight (GBRf) has signed a contract with Wabtec Rail to carry out a programme of movements for the whole of First ScotRail's fleet of Class 320 electric units in connection with work being undertaken on the trains.

The contract is underway, with the first unit travelling south from Glasgow in February 2011. The work will be carried out on all 22 units, and will be completed by mid 2013.

They will be moved, under their own power, by GBRf's train managers from Shields Road depot in Glasgow to Wabtec's Doncaster facility.

This project builds on the already established relationship between GBRf and Wabtec, with the freight haulier already moving other units to Doncaster for refurbishment. This includes Class 321 units from Ilford, Hornsey and Northampton for Eversholt Rail and Class 313 units from Stewarts Lane in London for Southern.

Phil Amos, market manager for rail services, GBRf, said: "*Winning this contract reaffirms the excellent relationship that exists between GBRf and Wabtec, as we seek to be its operator of choice for the movement of rolling stock.*

"We believe that GBRf's reliability and flexibility in the provision of these services is key to companies such as Wabtec, and assists in the efficient and reliable delivery of projects to its end customers."

A First ScotRail spokesman confirmed that a Class 320 unit has already travelled to Doncaster as part of its refurbishment programme.

The works involve a heavy overhaul of the Class 320 fleet and the installation of fully compliant TSI PRM toilets and associated equipment.

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.

GBRf is part of Europorte, the rail freight arm of GET (Groupe Eurotunnel SA).

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