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## GB Railfreight completes contract for Angel Trains



GB Railfreight (GBRf), the UK's most reliable freight haulier, joined Angel Trains to celebrate the completion of its refurbished translator vehicles, and the relationship that has been forged between the two companies, on Friday 27 May 2011, at KRS's Eastleigh works where the refurbishment of the vehicles was undertaken.

Kevin Tribley, chief operating officer, Angel Trains, said: *"Angel Trains is delighted to be entering into a lease with GB Railfreight for these vehicles. It is the culmination of an extensive and innovative overhaul and modifications package demonstrating Angel Trains, Arlington Fleet Services and GB Railfreights commitment to investing in a partnership approach to projects. Our collaborative approach will deliver a superior service for our combined customer and supplier base."*

GBRf has focused on providing Angel Trains a consistently reliable and flexible service supplying locomotives, translator vehicles and drivers to undertake the programme of movements agreed with Angel Trains.

The result of this has seen GBRf undertaking a much increased level of movements and this now includes contracts for Class 153 and 158 units between Cardiff and Doncaster, Class 314s between Shields Road, Glasgow and Springburn and Class 465s between Slade Green and Doncaster.

Phil Amos, market manager for rail services, GBRf, said: *"Today's event was to celebrate the excellent relationship that has been developing between GBRf and Angel Trains and we look forward to continuing the successful partnership in the future."*

The work on the translators was undertaken by Arlington Fleet Services at Eastleigh Works. Details of work included exterior and interior painting, corrosion works, reconditioning and recalibration of translator equipment, installation of diesel generators and various other modifications to 'future proof' the vehicles, while making them more user friendly to GBRf. The vehicles 975978 and 975974 are being leased to GBRf with a view to undertaking further movements of Class 465 Networker units between Slade Green and Doncaster. The vehicles will now carry the names Perpetiel and Paschar.

**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).

Woodhouse Communications issued this release on behalf of GB Railfreight. For more information, please contact Vicky Leek of Woodhouse Communications on 01444 221000

**About Angel Trains Group**

Angel Trains owns and maintains more than 4,400 passenger and freight rail vehicles in the UK, about 37 per cent of the nation's rolling stock. Its customers include 18 of the 19 franchised train operating companies (TOCs) and two open access operators. Since 1996 it has invested over £3 billion in new trains and the refurbishment of existing trains, and is one of the largest private investors in UK rail.